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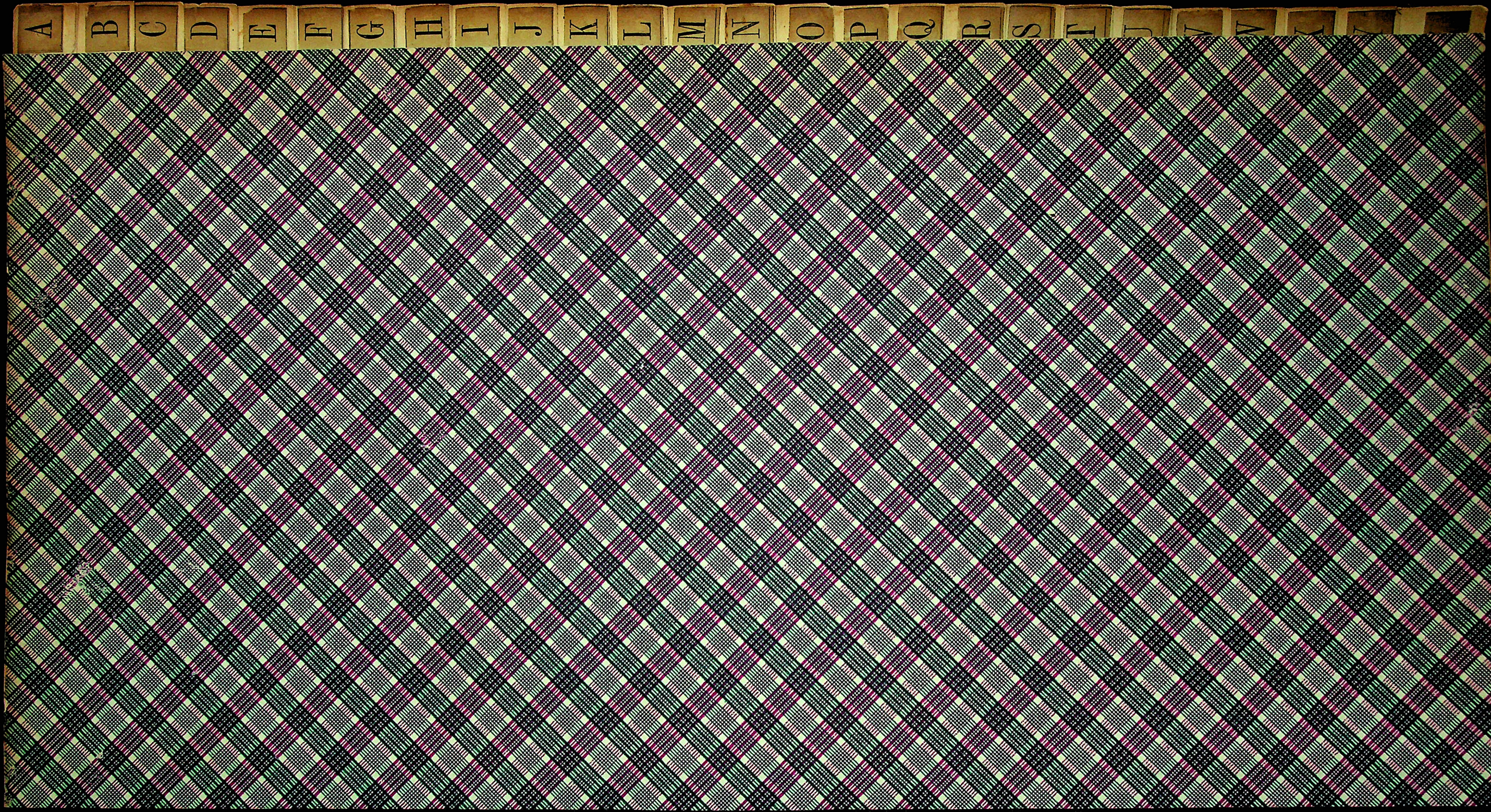

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W. E. Wisner, Esq. February 10th 1875.

Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d. instant addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury has been by that Officer referred to this office, and in reply I send you by to-days mail a copy of my first Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30," 1873, - also, a copy of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for 1872, which also contains the Report of the Director of the Mint for that year.

I am Sir, very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

Jacob D. L. Schirmer, Esq. February 10th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the months of February, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $2,235.40 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries - - - - -	1875 - - - - -	$809.40
Wages of Workmen - - -	1875 - - - - -	1176. -
Contingent Expenses	1875 - - - - -	250. -

I am Sir, very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the Director.

Telegram. Hs. R. Linderman, Director Feby 10th 1875.

Care U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Comptroller decides that vouchers for expenses of Assay Commissioners be taken in the form heretofore employed.

R. E. Preston.

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Hon. James Pollock,
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

February 12th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft for $51.00 in favor of B. A. McClure, issued in payment of his account for specimen coins furnished for the Cabinet of the Mint, and which I will thank you to deliver to him.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For The Director.

Sol Grob, Esq.
Care of Mermod Jaccard & Co.
Odd Fellows Hall.
St. Louis, Mo.

February 12th 1875.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 6th inst. addressed to the Assist. Treasurer, I send you by to-day's mail a copy of my report on the Wastage of Silver Bullion in the Melter & Refiner's department.

I am Sir, very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For The Director.

O. H. Laflrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

February 11th 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of February, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $39,000.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries ---- 1875	$2,000.00
Wages of Workmen, 1875	30,000.00
Contingent Expenses, 1875	7,000.00

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.
For the Director.

February 13th, 1875.

M. E. Benzans. Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of February, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $502.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries ------ 1875 ---------- $272.20
Wages of workmen — 1875 ------- 230.40

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
For the - Director.

February 13th, 1875.

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the Assay Commission which met at the Mint in Philadelphia on the 10th inst. to examine and test the coins reserved by the several mints for that purpose during the year 1874, concluded its labors on Thursday last, by the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved, That the Assay Commission have examined and tested the reserved coins of the several Mints for the year 1874, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard fineness and weight, by a greater deviation than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported as satisfactory."

The test made shows that our gold and silver coinage conforms very closely to the standard weight and fineness, the deviations being far within the prescribed limits, and is an evidence of the skill and faithfulness with which the coinage operations of the last year have been conducted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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February 13th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have mailed to your address blank forms upon which you are requested at the end of each calendar month to report to the Treasurer of the United States the condition of the bullion fund of your mint.

The statement must show how much of the fund is in the form of gold and silver bullion, and how much in each denomination of gold and silver coin.

You are also requested to render and transmit a statement showing the condition of the bullion fund for the months ending December 31st 1874 and January 31st 1875, and in which you will debit yourself with the amounts transferred to the credit of that fund during the month of December, viz: $141,870.00.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

February 13th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor, D. D. Hetrich, for part of the 3d quarter 1874 ending September 8, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

February 13th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. with respect to the price at which the Department offered to purchase Silver of Messrs. Belmont & Co. you are informed that it was fixed at a lower rate than that named to you for a limited amount, it being supposed that for so large an amount as 2,000,000 ounces, foreign parties having large amounts on hand would be willing to make the concession in price.

As there appears to be a disposition among bullion dealers both in the East and West to force the price to higher rates, we shall shortly see what terms we can make with the large producers on the Comstock Lode to furnish the Government with all the silver bullion required for the subsidiary coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

February 13th 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the quarter ending December 31st 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. John P. Jones
U. S. Senate.

February 13th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 9th inst. enclosing letters of James Crawford, Esq. Superintendent of, and Otto Greenhood a clerk in the Mint of the U.S. at Carson, Nevada, asking the allowance of the sum of $300. paid Mr. Greenhood as compensation for extra duties performed during the months of August, September and October last.

I regret to inform you that the law leaves me no discretion in such matters, an officer or clerk cannot lawfully be paid or allowed any sum in excess of the salary fixed by law. It is different in the case of workmen, who receive per diem compensation, the number of working hours for them being fixed by law, and who under proper circumstances can be and are paid for labor performed in excess of a legal day's work.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

February 13, 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint
Denver Col.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending December 31st, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

February 13th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst. requesting to be furnished with the names of the firms offering to furnish Dijons Black Lead Crucibles, Copper Cannisters, C.P. Nitric Acid, and Corrosive Sublimate at the prices stated in my letter of the 25th ult. is received, and in reply I would state that the following named parties offered to furnish the articles mentioned at the prices stated, viz:

Dijons Crucible Co.	Jersey City	Crucibles.
Morgan & Orr	Philadelphia	Copper Cannisters.
Powers & Weightman	"	Nitric Acid, & Corrosive Sublimate.

I have to request that when supplies are required for your Mint, That it would be more advantageous to the Government to purchase in the East, That you will make your requisition on this Office for the same, and when it is received, inquiry will be made of the largest manufacturers and dealers in the articles required to ascertain the prices for which they will furnish the same, and the order will be given to the lowest bidder.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

P. S.

How much hard coal will you require during the next fiscal year.

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February 13th. 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Warrant No. 8, being a part of your Bullion Accounts for a portion of the 3d. quarter 1874, viz: from September 9th, to Sept. 30th, 1874, inclusive.

The Warrant is for the sum of One hundred seventy one thousand two hundred dollars, while the amount brought down in figures, and also on the back, is $175,200.00.

This is probably a clerical error.

The Gold coins enumerated as composing the 9,202.00 ounces, value $171,200.00 are as follows:

Double Eagles	6,000.
Eagles	3,345.
Half Eagles	8,875.

The weight of 6,000. Double Eagles is 8,247.9375 ounces, of 3345 Eagles 1,797.9375 ounces, and of 8875 Half Eagles 2,385.1562 ounces, making a total weight of 10,633.0937 ounces, against 9202.000 ounces, as given in the Warrant.

The value of 6000 Double Eagles is $120.000.00 of 3345 Eagles $33,450.00 and of 8875 Half Eagles $44,375.00 making a total value of $197,825.00 against $171,200.00 as appears on the Warrant.

It is evident that there is a mistake in this Warrant either in the coins delivered or the weight & value given.

You will please correct and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

February 13th, 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of February, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $11,212.50 from the following appropriations:

Salaries	1875		$2,050.00
Wages of workmen	1875		9,100.00
Contingent Expenses	1875		62.50

It was found necessary to change the amounts asked for under the head of Contingent Expenses from $599.00 to $62.50, the latter being the balances remaining to the credit of that appropriation for 1875.

There is a small balance of $48.73 remaining of the Appropriations for Contingent Expenses for the fiscal year 1874, which could not be drawn upon the Requisition forwarded by you, the same having been made upon the Appropriations for 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

February 13th, 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

You will please furnish this office with an estimate of the quantity of Anthracite Coal that will be required by the Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia.

February 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I forward to-day by Adams' Express a package containing Designs for the Medal ordered by Congress to be presented to Captain Jared Crandall and nine others for saving the lives of thirty-two persons from the wreck of the Steamer "Metis" on the waters of Long Island Sound August 31st. 1872.

You will cause Dies to be prepared according to these designs.

The size of the medals will be two and a half, (2½) or three (3) inches as may be deemed best.

As these medals will be struck in Gold and Silver, the relief will be as low as may be consistent with the proper illustration of the design.

On the Obverse, and around the design will be placed the Legend. "Resolution of Congress February 24th. 1873."

On the Reverse, and within the space surrounded by the wreath, and on parallel lines, will be placed the following inscription:

To .....

For courage and humanity in saving the lives of thirty-two persons from the wreck of the Steamer "Metis", on the waters of Long Island Sound, August 31st. 1872.

Before the preparation of the dies is commenced, you will please have the designs photographed, and one half dozen copies forwarded to me charging the expense to the Medal Fund.

I will be glad to have the preparation of the Dies commenced at once and finished as early as practicable. The names of the persons to whom medals are to be given will

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be found on the list annexed.

The minor details, - such as arranging the Legend and Inscription, are left to the discretion of the Engraver, as is also the blank on which the name of the recipient is to be engraved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

List of persons to whom the medal is to be awarded, by Act of Congress.

Captain Jared L. Crandall.
Albert Crandall.
Daniel W. Larkin.
Frank Larkin.
Byron Greene.
John D. Harvey.
Courtland Gavitt.
Eugene Nash
Edwin Nash
William Nash, - all of the town of Westerly, Rhode Island.

James Crawford, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
Carson City, Nev.

February 13th. 1873.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 5th inst. I send you by this days mail two dozen copies of the printed "Instructions and Regulations" governing the conduct of the Mint service.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditor.

February 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion Accounts of F. D. Hedrick, late Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for part of the 3d. quarter 1874, ending September 8th. 1874.

The "Sweep a/c" omitted in forwarding the above, was written for on the 3d. inst. and will be furnished you as soon as it is received at this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. A. L. Pratt & Son,
Washington, D.C.

February 13th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th. inst. enclosing check on Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia for $100. and requesting that the amount thereof be transmitted to "The National City Bank, Boston, Mass," in one cent coins, has been received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, who will comply with your request.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Feb. 13th. 1875.

Will not pay more than price specified in my letter of 3d. inst.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock

February 13th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am advised by the Secretary of the Treasury that the sum of $46,326.50 in light weight gold coin has been directed to be sent you for recoinage by the following named Assistant Treasurers, viz:

U. S. Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans		$43,693.00
" " " " "	St. Louis	1,680.00
" " " " "	Boston	953.50
	Total —	46,326.50

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

February 13th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad'a

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from Messrs. A. S. Pratt & Son, enclosing a check for $100. on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia and requesting that the proceeds thereof be transmitted to "The National City Bank Boston, Mass.", in one cent coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint San Francisco.

Feb. 13th 1875.

Appropriation for Refinery, Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, now available. What balance of appropriation for Edifice and machinery will be left cannot be determined until Statement of liabilities and duplicate vouchers are received from you.

H. R. Linderman -
Director.

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February 13th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of Mrs. A. E. Blagg, whose appointment as Adjuster in the Coiners' Dept. of your Mint, was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

February 13th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th inst. enclosing certificate of Deposits for $322.$\frac{54}{100}$ coin, being the balance of proceeds of sale of old material at the old Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

February 13th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your institution, viz:
D. P. Rickey, Laborer in the General Department.
Chas. R. Bryant, Helper in the M. & R's Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 15th 1875.

Sir:

I enclose for your information, Extracts from the Reports of the Committees on Weighing and Assaying, showing the result of the test made by the Assay Commission of 1875, of the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by your mint during the year 1874.

Your attention is also invited to the following Resolution, adopted by the Commission.

Resolved, "That the Assay Commission have examined and tested the reserved coins of the several Mints for the year 1874, and it appearing that these coins do not differ from the standard weight and fineness by a greater deviation than is allowed by law, the trial is considered and reported as satisfactory."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nev.

February 15th 1875.

Albert Wolters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Freese & Brother

No. 6. West State St.

Trenton, N. J.

Febry 15th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th inst. to the Comptroller of the Treasury, has been referred to this Office for reply.

The Coinage Act of 1873, provides that "any gold coin of the United States, if reduced in weight by natural abrasion not more than one half of one per centum below the standard weight prescribed by law, after a circulation of twenty years, as shown by its date of coinage, and at a ratable proportion for any period less than twenty years, shall be received at their nominal value by the U. S. Treasury and its offices."

Gold coins abraded more than one half per cent, are, therefore, not receivable at their nominal value at the Treasury, and if sent to the Mint for re-coinage the loss falls upon the holder of the coin, the re-coinage being, however, without charge.

Your true plan would be to take coin abraded more than one half per cent, at their bullion value only. Gold is valued in our coinage at the rate of 25 8/10 grains U. S. Standard 9/10 fine to the dollar.

I do not understand why these light pieces should find their way from the Pacific Coast to Trenton. Possibly they have been fraudulently reduced, and are purposely sent to an interior point, where their actual value is not so carefully noted as in large commercial cities.

If not too much trouble, I would

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thank you to weigh each piece offered, pay within a month, and note the actual weight and date of issue in each case, and inform me of the result.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr
Philadelphia.

February 15th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing in duplicate bill for twelve (12) Steel collar and six (6) steel ball forgings for the Mint at Carson, and bill of lading showing shipment of the same is received.

As the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Carson Mint is exhausted you will have to await the passage of the Deficiency Bills before payment of the account transmitted by you can be made.

I will thank you to furnish this office with the date of the order for the above mentioned articles, and by whom given.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

Feb. 15th 1875.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a Pa.

Sir;

Please send me four specimens in copper, Bicknell International coin, for use of Finance & Coinage Committees.

Oblige Truly
H. R. Linderman - Director

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John Sorley Esq.
144th Street
Fourth house east of Willis Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Feby 15th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th inst. I have sent to your address by to-days mail a copy of my annual Reports.

I would refer you to a work published by Messrs. J. B. Lippincott & Co. of Philadelphia prepared and arranged under the direction of James Ross Snowden, Esq. as being the most thorough description of ancient and Modern Coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

February 15th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing certificates of deposits for the earnings of the Mint San Francisco for the six months ending June 30th 1874, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson City, Nev.

February 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of P. Constantine, Laborer, in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Albert Walters, Esq. February 15th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the Expenses of your institution during the months of February 1875, has been approved for the sum of $903.45 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — —	1875 — — — —	$535.30
Wages of Workmen —	1875 — — — —	118.15
Contingent Expenses —	1875 — — — —	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock February 15th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $40.20 has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1875, on account of Bills of H. R. Linderman for expenses incurred in attending the annual Assay Commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. Feby 15th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlottes, N. Ca.

Sir:

The Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of your Assay Office for the Quarter ending Dec. 31st 1874, has not yet been received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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February 15th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

Wm. A. Moore, Workman in the Coiner's Dept.
James Morgan, Fireman in the General Dept.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint — Feby 15th 1875.
Carson City, Nevada.
Cannot pay in New York.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

February 16th 1875.

Sir:

Under date of the 18th ult. you were authorized by this office with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase three hundred thousand ounces silver bullion at a rate not exceeding one dollar and twelve and a half cents per ounce standard (125 cents per oz fine.)

The limit in price is hereby modified so as to permit purchases to be made at a rate not exceeding one dollar and twenty-six ($1.26) cents per ounce fine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Approved:
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

February 16th 1875.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia that he holds subject to your order the following amounts of gold and silver coins received for assay by the Mint at Carson City for the Calendar year 1874, viz:

Gold coins	$2,800.
Silver Trade Dollars	710.
Subsidiary Silver coins	15.60
Total amt reserved for annual Assay	$3,525.60

I am also informed by the Superintendent that he has in his custody the proceeds of the Special Assay coins, forwarded by your Mint, during the six months ending June 30th 1874, as follows:

Gold coins	145.00
Trade dollars	6.00
	$3,676.60

Making the total amt in his hands and for which sum you are requested to draw on him for, and dispose of your draft so as to insure the reimbursement of your bullion fund in the full sum of $3,676.60, and should you be able to realize a premium on the sale of your draft you will credit the amount of such premium in your Profit & Loss account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. &c.

Sir:

The enclosed, copies of letters from the Superintendents at San Francisco & Carson, are transmitted for the information of yourself, the Assayer & Melter & Refiner.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

February 16th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, that he holds subject to your order the following amounts of gold and silver coins reserved for assay by the Mint at San-Francisco for the Calendar year 1874. viz:

Gold coins	$24.460.00
Silver Trade Dollars	1.306.00
Subsidiary Silver coin	159.50
Total amt of gold and silver	$25,925.50

And for which sum you are requested to draw on the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, and dispose of your drafts so as to insure the reimbursement of your bullion fund in the full sum of $25,925.50, and should you be able to realize a premium on sale of your draft you will credit the amount of such premium in your Profit & Loss account.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Herman Faber, Esq.

February 16th 1875

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find voucher in duplicate for expenses incurred by you in visiting Washington at my request for consultation in regard to design of the "Metis" medal, which you are requested to sign and return to this office, with your Hotel Bills attached.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

February 16th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 8th inst. returning Vouchers Nos. 80, 81 and 88, of your account of Ordinary Expenditures during the month of December 1874.

The corrected Bill of Mr. R. Laberge for "Piling Wood" has been substituted for the one originally sent.

Your Ordinary Expense Account for December has been referred to the Accounting Officers of the departments for adjustment.

The item of $44.00 in Voucher No. 80, for eleven days Hotel Bill @ $4.00 per diem, and the item of $52.00 in Voucher No. 81, for thirteen days Hotel Bill @ $4.00, will not be allowed in the settlement of your accounts, unless, receipted Hotel Bills for the above amounts are furnished.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

February 16th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The Superintendents of the Mints of the U. S. at Carson City & San Francisco, have this day been instructed to draw on you for the amounts of coins reserved by each respectively from the coinage of the calendar year 1874 for the Annual Assay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — February 16th 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

Referring to a letter from this office under date of October 24th 1874 in which your attention was called to payments made to J. S. Moore, Laborer, in the General Dept. of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the months of August and September 1874, and requesting that the same be disallowed, I have to inform you that I have approved the appointment of Mr. J. S. Moore as Laborer in that institution to take effect August 1st, 1874, at a compensation of $3.00 per diem for the month of August and $120.00 per month for September & October.

I have to request that the amounts disallowed in this case may be allowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — February 16th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The amount of the Bill of H. R. Linderman for Expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission paid from your Contingent Appropriation, is $40.00 not $40.20 as you were informed on the 15th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

February 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

February 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of James Crawford, Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the month of December 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication from Charles Hammond, Esq. of Tipton, Iowa, enclosing a draft for $100.00 on Ninth National Bank New York, and requesting that the amount thereof be transmitted to him in Minor Coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Maj: C. P. Nichols

February 16th 1875.

B. and A. R. R.

Springfield, Mass.

Sir:

I have sent to you by this days mail copies of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury for the fiscal years ending June 30. 1864, 67, and 68.

I also take pleasure in sending copies of my annual Report for 1873 and 74.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

For the Director.

Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq.

Febry 16th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the months of January, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

February 17th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your account of Ordinary Expenditures during the months of January 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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M. E. Bonzano, Esq. February 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 13th inst. returning % current, Abstract & Expenditures and Voucher No. 52, Bill of Danl. and Jas. D. Edwards, corrected.

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for January 1875, has been referred to the First Auditor for adjustment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

John Hitz, Esq. Feby 17th 1875.

Consul General of Switzerland.

Dear Sir:

Permit me in acknowledging the receipt of the Report to the Swiss Federal Council on the Monetary Conference of January 1874, to return you my thanks for your polite attention in forwarding it to me.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

R. W. Raymond, Esq. February 17th 1875.

Commissioner Mining Statistics

New York.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this office without delay your account for the fourth quarter 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

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Feby 17th 1875.

Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the reference to this office for report, of a letter under date of the 13th inst. from the Asst. Treasurer at New York, in which that officer requests information respecting the provisions of section 28th of the Coinage Act of 1873. (Revised Statutes, Sect. 3527. P. 490)

Under the Coinage Act, Silver coins of less denomination than the dollar, are manufactured and issued on Government account only, the bullion for such coinage being purchased with gold coins from the bullion fund, and the coins when manufactured, are exchangeable at the several Mints, and Assay Office in New York City, for gold coins at par in sums of not less than $100. The coins being thus manufactured and issued, the amount taken from the bullion fund for the purchase of silver bullion for coinage, is restored from time to time by the gold coins received in exchange for the silver coins, and the seigniorage on the silver coins is under the above system realized in gold, and is by law transferable at least twice a year to the Treasury of the United States.

The Section also provides that parcels of the Subsidiary silver coins may be from time to time transmitted to the Assistant Treasurers, depositaries and other officers of the United States, under general regulations proposed by the Director of the Mint, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The intention of this provision, is, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to supply the various public offices named, with subsidiary

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silver coins, whenever they may be required in the legal payments and disbursements of those offices, but applies more particularly to times when coin is used in the ordinary disbursements of the Government.

The expense of transporting such coin from the Mints and Assay Office at New York, to the several public offices named, is by law payable out of the profits arising from their manufacture.

The letter of the Asst. Treasurer is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

February 17th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your telegraphic dispatch of the 16th inst. asking if "balance of Construction & Machinery funds could be used for refinery without Act of Congress." a telegram in the following words was sent you this day.

"Superintendent Mint San Francisco"

"Balance of Construction and machinery appropriation available for equipment of refinery. Want of information as to liabilities embarrassing as we cannot determine what balance if any will remain."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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February 17th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Engr.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir.

A telegram in the following words was this day sent you.

"Superintendent Mint San Francisco".

"What causes delay in receipt of statement and vouchers of total liabilities on account of fitting up machinery - answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Feb. 17th 1875.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Balance of construction and machinery appropriation available for equipment of Refinery. Want of information as to liabilities embarrassing as we cannot determine what balance, if any, will remain.

H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Telegram.

Feb. 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint
San Francisco.

What causes delay in receipt of statement and vouchers of total liabilities on account of fitting up machinery - answer.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram.

Feby 17th 1875.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Authority was sent you yesterday by mail raising limit of former order to one hundred and twenty six cents per ounce fine.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

February 17th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

Feby 17th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of Mr. F. Bonzano, Supt. U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philada.

February 17th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th. inst. enclosing proposals received by you for furnishing the Mint with 1,000 pounds Nickel and 30,000 pounds copper, is received, and the award made by you to Joseph Wharton Esq. to furnish nickel at $3.15 per pound currency and to R. J. Dingeray to furnish copper at 21 3/16 cents per pound is approved.

The proposals are herewith returned.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Knoblauch & Lichtenstein. Feby. 16th 1875.

P.O. Box, no. 2692, New York.

Gentlemen.

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday in which you inquire as to the probability of finding a favrable market in the United States for certain foreign silver coins, I have to inform you, that this Department will consider a proposition for the purchase of two millions ounces troy of silver, in the form of either fine bars, or bars 900 thousandths fine, the alloy consisting wholly of copper, and to be delivered to the U. S. Assay Office, New York, at the rate of not less than five hundred Thousand ounces per months, payment to be made in U. S. Gold coin, as soon as the fineness and value shall have been determined by United States Assay.

If you should conclude to submit a proposition, you will please state the rate or price per ounce troy of fine silver, or silver 900 thousandths fine. the alloy consisting of copper only, as the case may be, at which you will furnish the amount proposed.

The bullion would be assayed with all convenient dispatch, and would be completed in from one to two days after delivery at the Assay Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. G. Mallinckrodt & Co. Feby 17th 1875.

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with the price at which you will supply Corrosive Sublimate.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

February 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New York.

Sir:

In reply to that portion of your letter of the 16th inst. relating to the purchase of silver bullion, a telegram in the following words was sent you this day.

"Superintendent U. S. Assay Office, New York"

Authority was sent you yesterday by mail raising limit of former order to one hundred and twenty six cents per ounce fine."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

Feby 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this office a detailed statement of silver purchased by you under my letter of the 3d inst. and in future you will report daily all purchases made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

February 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

The form of abstract sheets prepared by you to meet the regulations of February 13th in relation to payments for silver partings is approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 18th 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday in relation to the issue of subsidiary silver coin.

Under the law silver bullion may be received as a deposit for fine bars or trade dollars. Silver contained in gold deposits will be paid for at the rate of 112½ cents per ounce standard, in gold coin from the Bullion Fund. Subsidiary silver coins may be exchanged for gold coins at par in sums of not less than one hundred dollars.

With respect to silver bullion, the owners of which want subsidiary silver coin in return, you will until further orders pay for such silver at the rate of 126 cents per oz. fine.

I will, in the course of a day or two prepare a short circular containing information in form for convenient reply to bullion dealers and others.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 18th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of the 17th inst. and accompanying four specimens, in copper, of Bicknell's International coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

February 18th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. respecting the disposition of the proceeds of grains, fluxes and sweepings from the deposit melting room and weigh room, I have to state that you will be governed by regulation pie, page 4, Instructions and Regulations, 1874.

When the annual settlement is made, and the sweepings and residual fluxes are presented by the Superintendent, the bullion arising therefrom will either be transferred to the Treasury of the U. S. or passed into the Treasury in such form as the Director shall direct.

I am of the opinion that if circumstances should call for such action, the Director may legally allow the bullion referred to to be credited to the Melter and Refiner's accounts.

Before disposing of the bar of the next annual settlement, you will confer with this office upon the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

February 18th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment, your account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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February 18th. 1875.

Prof. J. E. Hilgard
U. S. Coast Survey
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your accounts for expenses incurred in attending the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission at the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia has been returned to this office by the First Auditor of the Treasury (to whom it was referred for settlement) with the request that the same be returned to you for verification by oath, and that you furnish hotel bills as required by the circular of the Department under date of August 1st. 1874" relating to allowances for travelling expenses" a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feby 18th. 1875.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Feby 18th. 1875.

James Crawford, Esqr.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas E. Dicton, Esq.

February 18th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have to inform you that your Requisition for Funds for the current month has been made "special," and a Draft for the amount thereof will be forwarded you in a day or two.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

February 18th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your Account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. P. Child Esq.

February 19th 1875.

Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

In answer to yours of the 16th inst. I send by today's mail a copy of my Annual Report for the years 1873-4.

I also enclose herewith a circular issued by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, which will give you the desired information relative to the price of the Proof Setts both of Gold and Silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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February 19th 1875.

G. Ho. LaGrange Esqr.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco

Sir:

I transmit herewith copy of letter from the Acting Secretary of the Treasury under date of the 8th inst. and in which the Commissioners for fitting up the new Mint, are directed to submit a report in regard to the claim of Messrs. H. J. Booth & Co. for materials supplied and work performed by them in furnishing, placing and fitting up machinery for the new Mint, with their recommendations as to the amount properly payable, for the consideration of the Secretary of the Treasury, without whose approval no allowance can properly be made.

So far as I am concerned as one of the Commissioners, I am willing to accept the report of the Experts Messrs. Orr and Eppleheimer, and recommend the payment of the sum award by them, viz: Seven Thousand four hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty-six cents ($7,417.86)

If you should concur in this view you will draw up a report covering the case, and make the following papers a part of the report, viz:
Bill of H. J. Booth & Co. for $20,832.83,
Report of Orr & Eppleheimer,
and reply of H. J. Booth & Co. leaving space for my signature as the other Commissioner.

If any notice to, or conference with Messrs. Booth & Co. respecting the claim in question be necessary, you will please conduct the same in person or by letter. If you should not concur with me in the views above expressed, you will communicate with me, making such recommendations and explanations as you may deem

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necessary in order to arrive at a conclusion upon the pubject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Dana Bickford, Esq. Feby 19th 1875.

751 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday relative to the specimen struck to illustrate your proposed International coin. Although the specimen may be improved, it illustrates the principle sufficiently clear, of stamping the equivalent in certain foreign moneys of account on the reverse of our gold coins.

Having prepared the specimen, I do not feel called upon to take any further action in the matter.

You can bring the pubject to the attention of Congress at any time, either by yourself, or in conjunction with those who coincide with you in opinion as to the advantages of the proposed coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James G. Blaine Feby 19th 1875.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of Rossiter W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics, for the year ending December 31st 1874.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

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February 19th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

The "Sweeps %" omitted from the Bullion Accounts of your predecessor E. D. Hetrich, Esq. for part of the 3d quarter, 1874, ending September 8th, and forwarded by you on the 11th inst. has been received and transmitted to the First Auditor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

February 19th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. enclosing Statements of unpaid accounts, is received.

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Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint

Feb. 19th 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Have you purchased silver - Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 19th 1875.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1875, is received.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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W. G. Torrey, Esq.

February 19th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your account of expenses incurred in attending meeting of the Annual Assay Commission at the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, is received.

Before approving and referring your account to the accounting officers for settlement, I have to request that you will transmit your hotel bill, as required by the circular of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated August 1st 1874, relating to allowances for traveling expenses, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Dyer, Esq

February 19th 1875.

Whitney House
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. to the Treasurer of the U. S. inquiring if you could procure $500. in new silver half dollars from the Government at market rates has been referred to this office, and in reply you are respectfully informed that Government only exchanges silver coins for gold coins at par.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — February 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The prices fixed by you in your letter under date of the 17th inst. for the following bronze medals is hereby approved, viz:

To Commodore Vanderbilt $2,50.

To Captains Creighton, Low, and Stouffer, for rescue of Steamer San Francisco $3.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. — Feby 19th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing detailed statements of Silver purchased on Govt account under instructions of this office, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams. Superintendent Mint — Feby 19th 1875.

San Francisco.

What progress is being made toward equipment of Refinery. Will procure additional appropriation in Sundry Civil Bill.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegrams. Supt. Mint. San Francisco. — Feb. 19th 1875.

We have no report as to amount or rate of purchase of silver bullion under authority sent you on sixteenth of December.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

W. E. Winner, Esq.

P. O. Department

Kansas City, Mo.

Feby 20th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. relative to reporting the coinage of the mints by fiscal years.

Prior to 1857 the operations of the mints were reported by Calendar years, hence the coinage of each year from the organization of the mint up to 1857, contained but one date.

By an act approved Feby 21, 1857, the Director of the mint was required "to make his annual Report up to the thirtieth of June of each year" so that the same may appear in the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the condition of the finances.

Consequently the coinage operations from 1857 to 1874 inclusive are reported by fiscal years, and every years coinage reported between those periods, contains two dates.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson

#1405 K. St. N.W.

Washington D. C.

February 20th 1875.

My dear Sir:

In answer to your note of yesterday, I take pleasure in sending to you a copy of the Instructions and Regulations governing the business operations of the Mints and Assay Offices of the U. S. - and to which the coinage act of 1873 is appended.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

Director.

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February 20th 1875.

O. Ho. Lalgrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined your Account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of January 1875, and your attention is called to the following items which appear therein, viz:

The Bill rendered by the San Francisco Gas Light Co. for Gas consumed during the month of December 1874. Voucher No. 327, shows that the state of both meters was the same on the 1st. of December and the 1st. of January, and yet 57800 feet of Gas were consumed.

You will please explain this apparent inaccuracy.

Voucher No. 315 shows that the sum of $164.30 was paid on the 7th. of January to J. Morton & Co. for freight on 10 casks of copper from Omaha, and Voucher No. 317, that $184.07 was paid to the same firm four days later for freight on 6 casks of Copper from Omaha.

You are requested to explain why the freight on 6 casks of copper should be nearly $20.00 more than on 10 casks for the same distance.

The name of Miss. S. Waltman appears on the Coiner's pay rolls as having received $100.00 as an Adjuster. It will be necessary for you to submit the appointment of this Lady for approval or the above amounts cannot be allowed.

The following payments made in excess of the compensation approved will be disallowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Coiner's Department.

John Barry, Workman, paid $5.75 per diem for 27 days, approved for $5.50, amount overpaid $6.50.

D. Murray, Workman, paid $5.75 per diem for 7 days, approved for $5.50 - amount overpaid $1.75.
D. J. Yeargan, Workman paid $5.75 per diem for 7 days, approved for $5.50 amount overpaid $1.75

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. Febuary 20. 1875.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your telegraphic dispatch reporting the purchase of One hundred Thousand ounces silver bullion at one hundred and twelve and a half cents per ounce standard, is received.

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"Superintendent Mint Carson, Nevada.

You are authorized to purchase an additional one hundred thousand ounces silver lowest market rate and not exceeding price paid for recent purchases."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams. Supt. Mint Feb. 20th. 1875.
Carson Nevada.

You are authorized to purchase an additional one hundred thousand ounces silver lowest market rate and not exceeding price paid for recent purchase.

H. R. Linderman
Director mint.

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February 20th 1875.

Messrs. Morgan and Orr.
Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby authorized and requested to manufacture and ship to the Mint of the U.S. at San Francisco Five dozen Copper Cannisters, five feet and eight inches long and three and one half inches in diameter, also Five Dozen three feet ten inches long and three and one half inches in diameter inside measurements, at a price not exceeding fifty (50) cents per pound and to be made of the best copper.

You will ship at through freight rates and which must be stated on Bills of Lading, and render your accounts in duplicate, accompanied by duplicate Bills of Lading to this Office.

I notice that in the recent shipment of a box containing steel collars - to the Mint at Carson, that the rate of freight to Chicago only is given on the Bills Lading.

I have to request that in all cases where articles are ordered of you for the Mints on the Pacific Coast, that you ship at through freight rates and have the same stated on the Bills of Lading.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Feby 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S. San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. requesting the procurement and shipment of Copper Cannisters is received.

I have ordered the manufacture & shipment of the Cannisters to you without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

February 20th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th. inst. asking instructions as to rate per ounce standard at which silver bullion purchased since Feby 12th. 1875 should be charged to the Mint at Philadelphia, I have to inform you that after a careful consideration of the question, I have decided to have the transfer to the Mint made by regular transfer drafts, drawn by the Treasurer of the U. S. payable in fine silver bars.

Having decided as above indicated it will be necessary, when you have a sufficient quantity of purchased silver bullion on hand to justify the shipment of the same to the Mint, to notify this office of the amount for which a transfer draft should be drawn, payable in fine silver bars, when the necessary steps will be promptly taken to have the Treasurer of the U. S. draw his draft on you for such sum as you may indicate, in favor of the Adams Express company, for transportation to the Mint Philadelphia, charging the Superintendent thereof, with the amount as a transfer to the credit of his bullion fund, and crediting you with the same as a transfer from your bullion fund to the Treasurer of the U. S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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February 20th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, and is hereby made official:

"Superintendent Mint, San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase three hundred Thousand ounces fine silver bars, at lowest market rates and not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cents per ounce fine. Coin into half dollars and dimes."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feb. 20th 1875.

mand. Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

You are authorized to purchase three hundred thousand ounces fine silver bars at lowest market rates and not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cents per ounce fine. Coin into Half Dollars and Dimes.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Feby 20th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the requisition of the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City for additional Dies for Dimes, Quarters and Half Dollars which you are requested to forward as early as practicable.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Carson City, Nev.

Feby 20th. 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for dies for Dimes, Quarters and Half Dollars, is received and the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia has been instructed to forward the same to you without delay.

Until further orders you will confine the manufacture of subsidiary silver coins to Dimes and Half Dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons.

Philadelphia.

February 22d. 1875.

Gentlemen.

I will thank you to inform this office at what price your firm will furnish ten cases chemically Pure Nitric Acid, and 300 pounds of Corrosive Sublimate, and whether it is practicable to ship the same overland to San Francisco at this season of the year.

I will thank you also to give me the number of pounds contained in ten cases acid.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Feby 22nd 1875.

Hon. P. W. Hitchcock and
Hon. A. S. Paddock
U. S. Senators.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst. and reply to the inquiries therein contained as follows:

1st. I have no direct knowledge as to there being works at Chicago for separating or parting gold and silver bullion. That such works exist in that city, was stated before the Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee in reply to my inquiry, by Mr. Adam Smith.

2nd The quantity of sulphuric acid was used in the separating operation, is from two and a half to three pounds, to one pound of bullion operated upon. The value of the pound of bullion would depend on the proportion of gold and silver. The most economical proportion is two ounces of silver to one of gold. If of that proportion a pound of bullion would be of the value of about $130. The value of the sulphuric acid consumed would be at 3 cents per pound, 9 cents. If the bullion contained a larger per centage of silver, which would no doubt be the case at either city, there would be a proportionate increase in the quantity of acid used.

3d. The difference between the cost of manufacturing sulphuric acid at Chicago and Omaha, respectively, would probably be the difference between the cost of the materials - sulphur and nitre - used in making the acid. I have no information as to the cost of such materials at either city. In any event, the difference

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in the cost of manufactures, would not exceed the cost of transportation between the two cities.

I have no specific information as to the amount of business done by the Smelting works at either city. Assuming that both cities are well provided with smelting and reduction works, and necessary banking capital, the advantage as to controlling ores and base bullion (including lead bullion) would be with that city which is located nearest to the mining regions, and for the reason that there would be a saving of expense of transportation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. P. W. Hitchcock
Hon. A. S. Paddock & U. S. S.

Feb. 22d. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Since my letter of this morning was transmitted to you, I have received a communication from Senator Logan, in which he states that he had visited the Refining Works in Chicago, of which Adam Smith is President & Manager, and saw the same in operation.

He further states that he also saw the works for parting gold from silver by the use of sulphuric acid, and was told that they had a capacity of about 12,000 ozs. per day, and which the Senator does not doubt is correct.

Not having had this information when replying to your inquiry this morning, I respectfully request that this note may be supplemented to my letter already transmitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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H. G. Torrey, Esq. February 22d. 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.

New York.

Sir:

Your account for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay at the Mint Philadelphia has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for Settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock Febi 22d. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th. inst. relative to the failure of R. J. Dingeray to furnish copper in accordance with his proposal is received, and in reply you are informed that you have the approval of this office to award the contract to the next lowest bidders in equal proportions at 22 cents per pound, that is to Nathan Trotter & Co. Philadelphia, 15,000 pounds, and Pope Cole & Co. Baltimore, 15,000 pounds.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

Telegram. Supt. of Mint Febi 23d. 1875.

San Francisco.

Sterling exchange having improved since order to purchase was sent, you are authorized to increase rate to one hundred twenty-five and a half cents per ounce fine, if necessary to procure amount last authorized.

H. R. Linderman - Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

February 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, was sent you this day:

"Superintendent Mint San Francisco.

Sterling exchange having improved since order to purchase was sent, you are authorized to increase rate to one hundred twenty-five and a half cents per ounce fine if necessary to procure amounts last authorized."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

February 23d. 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Feby 23d. 1875.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your account of Ordinary Expenditures during the month of January 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

February 23d. 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $20.80 has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint 1875, on account of Bill rendered by Herbert G. Torrey, for expenses incurred in attending the annual Assay Commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Crawford
Supt. Mint, Carson.

Feb. 24th. 1875.

Sir:

In looking over the papers explanatory of the excessive silver wastage of the Melter & Refiner at the last annual Settlement (June 30, 1874) my attention is given to a paragraph in the letter of the Melter & Refiner (July 2nd 1874) which states that "in weighing and delivering fine silver bars by the Melter & Refiner to the Supt. ten hundredths of an ounce were thrown off or deducted, that is to say the M & R was credited with ten hundredths less than the actual weight of the bar. I will thank you to inform me if the custom in this respect is still observed, and if so, under what authority it is done.

A report upon the subject at your earliest convenience is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Gen. H. Ludgrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

February 24th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. making requisition for twelve (12) cases Chemically Pure nitric acid and three hundred (300) pounds Corrosive Sublimate is received.

I have ordered ten (10) cases of the acid and three hundred (300) pounds Corrosive Sublimate of Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia, and two (2) cases of acid of Messrs. G. Mallinckrodt & Co. St. Louis, and have to request that you will cause a thorough trial of the latter to be had, and report result to this office; it has proven very satisfactory at the Denver Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons.
Philadelphia.

Feby 24th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will ship to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, Cal. ten (10) cases Chemically Pure nitric acid, and three hundred (300) lbs. of Corrosive Sublimate at the prices stated in your letter of the 23d inst.

You will render your account in the name of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco in duplicate to this office accompanied by Bill of Lading.

You will please ship the above at through freight rates, which you will have stated on Bill of Lading.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

February 24th 1875.

Sir:

I have examined your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1875, and have to call your attention to the following items contained therein, viz:

The first Bill included in Voucher No. 124. Virginia and Truckee R. R. Co. bears date of June 4, 1874. I had presumed that all Bills incurred during the fiscal year 1874 had been paid, - but if the date given is correct this Bill cannot be allowed in the settlement of your accounts for the current year, but must be taken up in your Account against the Deficiency Appropriation for last year.

I return the same herewith.

Voucher No. 93 - Bill of Jos. Newbauer for coal - shows that the sum of $40.00 was paid for the sacks in which the coal was delivered. By the terms of the Bill, these sacks can be returned when empty, and no charge will be made therefor. You will please explain the necessity of this item of expense.

Voucher No. 115 - shows that the sum of $165.00 was paid to O. London for 27½ days services as machinist. You are requested to explain the character of the work done, and whether the same could not be performed by any of the workmen in the regular employ of your Mint.

In settling the Bills of The Western Union Telegraph Co. in the future you will please see that the number of words of each dispatch is stated on the Bill, otherwise it

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is impossible to tell whether the amounts charged are proper or not.

The Melter & Refiners' pay rolls for the months of January show that overpayments have been made to the following workmen employed in that Department, viz:

Hs. B. Silvcomb, Day Foreman, paid $6.50 pr. diem for 26 days, approved for $5.00 per diem, amount overpaid $39.00.

W. J. Gowen, Helper, paid $5.50 per diem, for 26 days, approved for $5.00, amount overpaid $13.00.

W. J. Cummings, Helper, paid $5.50 per diem for 26 days, approved for $5.00 amount overpaid $13.00.

R. Mc. Houston, Helper, paid $5.50 per diem, for 26 days approved for $5.00 amount overpaid $13.00.

The increase in the compensation of these persons never having been submitted for the approval of the Director, as required by law, it will be necessary that the amounts paid in excess of their proper compensation, be disallowed in the adjustment of your accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Prof. R. E. Rogers

Feb. 24th. 1875.

1004 Walnut Street, Philadª.

Will be here Saturday and would like to have you come.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Messrs. G. Maellinchrodt & Co. Feby 24th 1875.

St. Louis, Mo.

Gentlemen:

You will please ship to the "Mint of the United States at San Francisco Cal'a" two (2) cases Chemically Pure Nitric acid. You will render your accounts in the name of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco in duplicate to this office accompanied by Bills of Lading.

You will ship the above at Through freight rates, which should be given on the Bills of Lading.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. February 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Mr. D. B. Hughes, whose appointment as Watchman in your institution was this day approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. ↓

Superintendent Mint February 25th 1875.

San Francisco.

You are authorized and directed to purchase Five Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver in addition to last order, at lowest market rate, not exceeding one twenty-five and a half cents per ounce fine. Report your action under this and previous order by telegraph. Coin Half Dollars, Quarters and Dimes to your full capacity all next month.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

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Febuary 25th. 1875.

I propose, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, to purchase 500.000, ounces fine silver bars, at the lowest market rate, and not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five and a half cents per ounce (fine), to be paid for from the gold bullion fund, and coined into Subsidiary Silver coins at said Mint, or transferred to the Philadelphia Mint for that purpose, as may hereafter be decided.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:
B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Statement of Silver Purchases.

By Assay Office New York
at from 1.25-9 to 1.26/9 per oz. fine pay 200,000 ozs.

Mint at Carson City
@ 1.25 per oz. fine 100,000 "

Mint at San Francisco
@ 1.25 per oz. fine 300,000
Total purchase to date, ozs. 600.000.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. Feb. 25th. 1875.

Carson.

Coin principally Half and Quarter Dollars and Dimes all next months. When more silver is required inform me.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

February 25th 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you this day, and the same is hereby made official:

"Superintendent Mint, San Francisco.

You are authorized and directed to purchase Five Hundred Thousand ounces fine silver in addition to last order, at lowest market rate not exceeding one Twenty-five and a half cents per ounce fine. Report your action under this and previous order by telegraph. Coin Half Dollars, Quarters and Dimes to your full capacity all next months."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

February 25th 1875.

Sir:

You will render and transmit to this office without delay a detailed Statement of Silver purchased by you under authority given you under date of December 16th 1874, and since that date.

This Statement must show the names of the parties from whom purchased, the number of ounces, the fineness and the price paid per ounce fine.

In future you will render to this office a similar Statement, weekly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

February 25th. 1875.

Sir:

You will please render and transmit to this office a detailed Statement of Silver purchased by you under authority given you in my letter of the 3d. inst. You will also render a statement of purchases made under instructions of the 20th. inst.

The Statements above called for must show from whom purchased, the fineness, and the price paid per ounce fine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S. Carson City, Nev.

Feby 25th. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, and the same is hereby made official:

"Superintendent Mint, Carson.

Coin principally Half and Quarter Dollars and Dimes next month. When more silver is required inform me."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S. Carson City

February 25th. 1875.

Sir:

Messrs. Morgan & Orr of Philada. have filed in this office their account amounting to sixty dollars ($60) for twelve steel collars and six steel ball forgings, shipped your Mint on the 12th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.
Philadelphia.

February 25th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 22d inst. stating that the Pennsylvania R. R. Co. will not give you Bills of Lading with Through freight rates to San Francisco marked thereon, is received, and in reply you are informed that the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. issue Bills of Lading, with Through freight rates stated Thereon, from Philadelphia to San Francisco;- you will, therefore, ship the Cannisters, when completed, by that line.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

February 26th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst. asking that a transfer draft may be drawn upon you in favor of the Superintendent of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, for the sum of $72709.77 the cost in gold coin of 57.724.38 ounces fine silver purchased by you under instructions of this office since the 12th inst., is recd.

As the silver in question has been sent by you to the Mint for conversion into Subsidiary Silver, it will not be necessary to have a transfer draft drawn in this instance, but you are hereby authorized and directed to credit your Bullion fund with the sum of $72.709.77 transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia- the Superintendent thereof having this day been instructed to charge his "Bullion Fund" with that amount as received from you.

In future you will pursue

the course indicated in my letter of the 20th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock — Feby 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

In order to avoid complications that are likely to arise in the accounts of the Mint and Assay Office, from the different rates paid for fine silver purchased by the Superintendent of the latter under instructions of this office, and to be sent to the Mint for conversion into subsidiary silver coins; — — — — —

— I have decided after a careful consideration of the subject to have all silver purchased by the Assay Office since the 12th inst. and purchases made hereafter transferred from the "Bullion Fund" of Assay Office to that of the Mint by means of regular transfer drafts drawn by the Treasurer of the U. S. upon the Superintendent of the Assay Office in your favor as Superintendent of the Mint.

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Assay Office that he has forwarded to the Mint 57.724.38 ounces of fine silver purchased since the 12th inst. at a cost of $72.709.72 in gold coin. As this silver had been sent you before the decision above stated was made - no transfer draft covering the cost thereof will be issued, but you are authorized and instructed to debit your "Bullion Fund" with the sum of $72.709.72 the cost in gold coin of 57.724.38 ounces fine silver received from Assay Office New York, - the Superintendent thereof having this day been directed to credit his "Bullion Fund" with that amount as transferred to the Mint.

Very respectfully &c H. R. Linderman

Director.

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February 26th 1875.

A. M. Scarrangos, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 17th inst. respecting the claim of Mr. G. Gutzkow for plans submitted by him for Refinery.

You will probably recollect that at a conference between Mr. Gutzkow, you, and myself, at my rooms at the Lick House in November last, that it was distinctly understood That Mr. Glutzkow was to be paid for his work, but that the plans &c. were to be delivered to the Mint.

If he is to be paid for the work, the work or the results of it must be-long to the Government.

When the programme for erecting the new refinery has been finally agreed upon, the plans of Mr. Gutzkow will be deposited and filed at your Mint.

Mr. Gutzkow should make out a reasona-ble Bill for his services, duly receipted by him and certified by you as Commissioner. On the receipt of the same I will sign it as Commissioner, and transmit it to the Auditor for settlement and transmission of draft for the amount direct to Mr. G. - whatever amount you think proper, will no doubt be satisfactory to me.

It would be very unbusiness-like to pay Mr. Gutzkow for work done for the Government, and return the same plans &c. to him, and which would remove from the public records all evi-dence of such work having been performed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

February 26th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In my letter of even date relative to silver purchased since the 12th inst. by the Superintendent of the Assay Office New York, and transferred to the Mint to be manufactured into subsidiary silver coin, it should have been stated that the coin made from this silver was to be held by you, subject to the transfer drafts of the Treasurer of the U. S. and not returned to the Assay Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Feby 26th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint. Philada.

Sir.

I return herewith for signature Gold Bullion Report No. 1209, the same being a part of your Bullion accounts for the 4th Quarter 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Feby 26th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement showing the amount of silver in the Bullion Fund of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Your early attention is solicited.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. &c.

Feb. 26th, 1875.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed note handed me by Hon. W. L. Moore M.C. from Pa., I desire to be informed what the custom of the mint is respecting the specimens or pattern dies in cases where the coins for which they are intended are not issued. According to my recollection specimen pieces are not struck for sale unless the coin is authorized by law.

Please advise me on this point and return the note of Mr. Wilson.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philadelphia.

Feby 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt, per Adams' Express, of a package containing Silver coins of the value of Five Dollars.

In payment for the same, I herewith return Five Dollars in Gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S. Philads.

February 27th 1875.

Sir.

Your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing Certificates of Deposits. Nos. 1920 & 1921, amounting to $613.32 and arising from Profits on Medals manufactured, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Febuary 27th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In the Act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Expenses of the Government for the current fiscal year, there was appropriated for the Mint at New Orleans "For fuel, lights, acids, chemicals and crucibles", the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000). I have to respectfully request that you will procure an amendment to the Deficiency Bill to allow so much of the above named amount as may be necessary to be used for other Contingent Expenses.

There was evidently an omission to insert in the act referred to, after the word "crucibles" the words "and other necessaries", the result of which has been to prevent the use of any portion of the appropriation for other Contingent Expenses absolutely necessary.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Febry 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

You are requested to render and transmit to this Office, weekly, a Statement showing the amount and denominations of Subsidiary Silver coins in your Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Benjamin H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

February 27th 1875.

Sir:

For several years past, an appropriation of about $15.000, has been annually made for continuing the collection of mining Statistics, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and a Commissioner, at a compensation of $5,000, and an Assistant at $3,000, per annum, employed.

The Commissioner, R. W. Raymond, Esq, was appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and his compensation fixed by the same officer. The assistant was employed by the Commissioner.

On the 1st of July last, a general supervision of the expenditures of this appropriation, was by the Secretary of the Treasury assigned to the Director of the Mint, and the Commissioner has since rendered his accounts through this office.

When the general plan of proceeding for the year 1874, was agreed upon, the Commissioner stated that it was his intention to retire from the position after the preparation of his report for 1874; in view of which, and for collecting mining Statistics, an item of $7,000, was included in the Estimates of Appropriations for the office of the Director of the Mint.

Recently, Mr. Raymond, applied to Congress for a continuation of the appropriation, and I am informed that the Sundry civil Bill now pending in the House of Representatives contains an item of $15,000. for continuing the collection of Mining Statistics under the direction of Prof. R. W. Raymond, and to be available immediately.

As an Appropriation in the form above stated, would practically render the Commissioner

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independent of any Department of the Government, I respectfully suggest that the appropriation should be made in the form heretofore observed, that is to say, that the sum appropriated for the continuation of the collection of mining statistics, should be under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and which will render a proper supervision of the business and expenditure of the money practicable; such supervision, as far as I am advised being applicable to all other officers of the Government.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Feby 27th 1875.

Sir:

In order to equip a Sulphuric Acid Refinery at the new Mint in San Francisco of a capacity sufficient to meet the actual requirements of the Public Service, an additional appropriation of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) will be necessary for that purpose. The amount heretofore appropriated, is $34.500. I therefore respectfully request that you will procure an appropriation of the amount above stated, and in form to be immediately available.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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February 27th 1875.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in reference to the purchase of silver bullion made by you, under authority of this office.

As soon as you shall have ready one hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin, we will make arrangements to transfer the same to the East, and at the same time add the same amount in Gold coin to your Bullion Fund.

This course will be followed from time to time, for some time to come, until otherwise ordered, you will coin Half Dollars and Dimes in such proportions, as may be most economical.

It is not probable, that there will be much demand for Trade Dollars, until the 1st of May. In the meantime the Treasury will be prepared to purchase all fine Silver bars made at your Mint, provided the price asked, be not above 112½ cents per standard ounce.

In naming this price as a limit, you will of course make purchases at lower rates if possible to do so.

It is proper that I should state for your information, that Bankers are endeavoring to sell to the United States, a large amount of silver on German account. We prefer to purchase Silver Bullion produced in this country, if we can do so on terms as advantageous as those which may be offered on foreign a/c.

On receipt of this letter I will thank

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you to ascertain and inform me by telegraph what amount of fine silver bars made at your Mint, responsible parties will undertake to sell us, at a rate not exceeding 112 1/2 cents per standard ounce, payment to be made on delivery of the bullion to you, by Draft on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco.

I will thank you also to ascertain the rate at which Wells, Fargo & Co will transfer fine silver bars to New York and Philadelphia, and subsidiary silver coin to Chicago and New York respectively, payment for the expense of transportation to be made in subsidiary silver coin.

This information you will furnish as early as possible.

On the 5th. proximo. we will know what appropriations have been made for the support of your mint, and you will be promptly informed of the same, in order that you may arrange your operations accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Francis Ormond French Esq. Feby 27th. 1875.

94 Broadway New York.

Sir:

In response to your request of the 26th. inst. I take great pleasure in sending to your address by this days mail, six copies of my Annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. A. P. Barnard. Feby 27th. 1875.

Dear Sir:

In view of my probable absence from Washington, from time to time, between this and the first of May, I concluded it best to prepare without delay the article on the pubject, Mint, for your Cyclopedia, and which I transmit herewith.

Supposing that you would have a separate article on the pubject, Assay, I have not embraced a description of the assaying of bullion, which is the most interesting of all mint operations.

I have avoided the use of technical terms, and tried to give in a convenient form, such information in a general way as will be valuable to the public, and which is not contained in works already published.

I trust it will meet your approbation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint Feby 27th. 1875.

Carson Nev.

When you have Half Dollars and Dimes to amount of one hundred thousand dollars inform me by Telegraph, will then have Transfer draft issued and same amount in gold coin added to your Bullion Fund.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

Feby 27th. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 25th inst. with enclosures as stated, I have to inform you that the modifications, suggested by the Engraver and yourself, of the designs for the Metis medal are approved, and you are hereby authorized to make the same.

Size of Medal - 2½ inches.

The entire space on the obverse to be employed for the design, except the necessary space for a proper border. (Engraver to decide this.)

Both Legend and Inscription to be placed on reverse as proposed by the Engraver.

The inscription will be modified so as it will read: "To _____ for courage and humanity in the saving of life from the wreck of the Steamer Metis on Long Island Sound, August 31st. 1872".

The space used in the drawing (Reverse) for the Legend "Resolution of Congress &c." to be less, so as to leave more room for the inside inscription.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

February 27th 1875

Sir:

Your Bullion accounts for the fourth quarter 1874, are received.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Feby 27th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir.

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer Certificates of Gold Deposits Nos. 1255 and 1028 of your Bullion accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feby 27th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir.

I return herewith for the signature of the Assayer Certificates of Silver Deposits nos. 393 and 406 of your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feby 27th 1875.

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby instructed and directed to make to this office weekly, a report showing the amounts and denominations of subsidiary silver coins in your Bullion Funds.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jos. R. Hawley March 1st. 1875.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of 27th inst. requesting copy of the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, for 1874. You add that the report is desired for a constituent who wishes reliable information respecting the Trade Dollar.

I send herewith copy of Report as requested, but the information which your friend desires will be found in my report to the Sec. in 1872 and in which the Trade Dollar was projected. I send you a copy of that report and refer your friend to pages 9 to 12 inclusive. I also send copy of my last Annual Report, in which (see pages 9, 98 & 99) information respecting the cause of the Trade Dollar will be found.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 1st. 1875.

San Francisco.

Important you report promptly your action under recent instructions to purchase, Silver German offer pressing. Answer.

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, March 1," 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Report promptly your action under instructions to purchase Silver German offer pressing.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with a Statement of the amount of Silver purchased by you in accordance with authority granted you by this office January 18th. and February 3d. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 2d. 1875.

Sir:

In order that there may be no mistake in the Dies, which you were requested late last evening by telegraph to cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, I enclose herewith a copy of the telegram received from Superintendent La Grange asking that the Dies be sent him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Henry D. Parsells Esq.
Washington C. H. Ohio.

March 2d. 1875.

Sir:

At the request of the Hon. J. D. Smith, I have mailed to your address a copy of my last annual Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 2d 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March 1875, has been approved for the sum of $24,000.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — 1875 — — — — — — — $4,000.00
Wages — — — — 1875 — — — — — — 20.000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. Y. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
New Orleans, La.

March 2d 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 26th. inst. permission is granted you to visit Texas, at such time as may suit your convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. J. D. Smith,
House of Representatives
Washington - D.C.

March 2d 1875.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st. inst. I have this day sent to Harry D. Parsell, Esq. a copy of my Annual Report, advising Mr. Parsell, that the same was done at your request.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — March 3d. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York to that of the mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia of the sum of one hundred and nineteen thousand, three hundred and seventy seven 40/100 dollars ($119,377.40) payable in 94,778.08 fine silver bars, the same being the amount of silver purchased by Superintendent of the Assay Office N. Y. on Government account from February 20th. to March 2d. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Chas. J. Stanch, Esq. — March 3d. 1875.

611 North 7th. St., Philada. Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have received the model referred to in your letter of 1st. inst. and regard it as a very well executed piece of work.

I shall be glad, in future, to afford you an opportunity to compete for such designs & models, as we may require.

Very resp't,

H. R. Linderman Director

Telegrams.

Superintendent Mint — March 3d. 1875.

San Francisco.

One twenty-five and a half is our limit. Have parties decide at once what they will do and inform me. Foreign offer under consideration.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

March 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The sum of Twenty Eight Dollars ($28.00) has been paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1875, on account of Bill rendered by Prof. J. E. Hilgard, for expense incurred in attending the annual assay commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

March 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

The sum of Thirty-dollars & seventy-five cents ($30.75) has been charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint 1875, on account of Bill rendered by John Jay Knox, Esq., for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay Commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. O. French, Esq.

March 3d. 1875.

Sir:

The proposition on behalf of the 1st. National Bank N.Y. contained in your letter of current date to sell silver at the rate or price of one dollar twenty six and a half cents per ounce fine, and not to exceed one million and a half ounces troy, is hereby accepted.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

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G. H. Ludgrange, Esq.

March 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons, Philadelphia, have shipped you 300 lbs. Corrosive Sublimate and 336 C.P. Nitric Acid, the bill for which amounting to $572.28. I have approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Messrs. Rosengarten state that the balance of the acid ordered will be shipped during the month. For your information as to prices paid I enclose the duplicate bills of Messrs. R & S.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons,

March 3d. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 2nd. inst. enclosing in duplicate Invoices and Bill Lading for 300 lbs. corrosive Sublimate and 336 C. P. Nitric Acid shipped by you to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be sent you for the amount $572.28.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas E. Acton, Esq.

March 3d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 2nd. instant I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office N.Y. to that of the Mint Philadelphia by a transfer draft for the sum of $119.377.40 payable in 94.778.08 oz. fine silver bars.

A transfer draft has been issued covering the shipment of 57.724.38 ozs. silver to the Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. He. La Grange, Esq.

March 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, and is hereby made officials.

"Superintendent Mint, San Francisco.

One twenty five and a half is our limit. Have parties decide at once what they will do, and inform me. Foreign offer under consideration."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Private.

Thos. Ledyard, Esq.

March 4th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Dear Sir:

It being probable that in the course of your silver operations you will be required to receive temporarily large quantities of silver bullion (possibly foreign coins) I think it best to relieve you of the custody and responsibility of carrying any considerable amount of silver coin (subsidiary) whether it be stored in your office or the Asst. Treasury — hence my letter of today on the subject of such transfer. After this transfer is made, we must try to keep you clear of carrying so large an amount of that coin.

Respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

March 4th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst. stating that the Baltimore copper sent your mint cannot be used in making Ingots, as it must be refined, is received.

I will thank you to cause an analysis of the same to be made by the Assayer of your Mint, and transmit the result to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Charles L. Pascal, Esq.

March 4th. 1875.

3302, Baring St.
Philadª Pa.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favr of 3d. inst. I have to inform you that the force of adjusters at the Philadelphia Mint being amply sufficient for the work I cannot at present recommend even one additional appointment. If in the future there should occur an opportunity to comply with Senator Rowards request, I shall be very glad to embrace it.

Regretting that I cannot send you a more encouraging letter,

I am very respty
L. R. Lindermans
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

March 4th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made officials:

"Superintendent Mint, San Francisco.

Obtain lowest rates of Express Company for transporting silver bullion to Philadelphia and New York, and subsidiary silver coin to Chicago and Omaha. Expenses in both cases payable in such coins. answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. Ch. Acton, Esq. March 4th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I propose to request the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer draft to issue for the transfer of one million dollars ($1.000.000.) in subsidiary silver coin, from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office to the Treasurer of the United States, can this amount be conveniently transferred at this time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. Ch. Acton, Esq. March 4th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir.

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Telegram. Supt. Mint March 4th 1875.

San Francisco.

Obtain lowest rates of express company for transporting silver bullion to Philadelphia & New York and subsidiary silver coin to Chicago & Omaha. Expenses in both cases payable in such coin. answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 4th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. relative to the difficulty experienced in selecting silver bars for payment of deposits, and asking to be allowed to pay odd sums of from one to three dollars in subsidiary silver coins, is received.

You have the approval of this office, to pay as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 4th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Bullion accounts for the fourth quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — March 4th. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Bullion accounts of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the fourth quarter 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. F. A. P. Barnard — March 4th. 1875.

Columbia College
New York.

Sir:

I have yours of the 2d. inst. acknowledging the receipt of an article on the Mint, and asking that additional information may be furnished relative to the "Mechanical processes of minting."

I am having prepared in this office the information asked for, and will forward it to you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dr. Joseph M. Toner — March 4th. 1875.

#615 Louisiana Ave.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I enclose for your information copy of a letter received this date from the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint in reference to the price of medals, in gold, silver and bronze, struck from the "Toner" dies.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 4th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Carson City,

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d. ult. advising this office of the sale of 62 Barrels of Sweeps of the Assay value of $7,481.68 at 52½ per cent of their assay value viz. $3,927.85 is rec'd, and your action is approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 4th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 3d. inst. reporting the purchase by you of eight hundred thousand ounces of fine silver at one twenty-five and a half per ounce fine is received, and your action is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 4th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for settlement from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint, 1875, Bill of Morgan and Orr of Phila. Pa. for 12 steel collars and 6 steel ball forgings, amounting to $60.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 5th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your Bullion Accounts for part of the Third Quarter, 1874, viz: from September 9th. to the 30th. inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq. March 5th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 23d. ult. proposing to reduce the compensation of the Asst. to the Assayer from $1500.00 to 1200.00 per annum.

I do not think it advisable to make this reduction at least until after the close of the present fiscal year.

As soon as the appropriation Bill shall have been printed I will furnish you with the items contained therein for the support of your office for the next fiscal year.

After receiving the same, you will submit your views as to the number and compensation of the officers and employés of your institution under the reduced appropriations, for the action of this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq. March 5th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $406.20 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — —	1875 — — — —	$284.20
Wages of Workmen — —	1875 — — — —	22.
Contingent Expenses — —	1875 — — — —	100.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman — Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

March 5th. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

In your communication of the 24th. ult. you state the necessity of procuring the necessary chemicals & apparatus for analyzing ores &c. the cost of which will not exceed $300.00

You are hereby authorized to procure the chemicals and apparatus necessary for the purpose stated at the lowest market rates and pay for the same out of your Contingent Fund.

In analyzing ores you will make such charges as will cover the material and labor employed, and account for the same to the Treasury.

You are authorized to submit the nomination of a Watchman and the rate of compensation, and also to procure such fire-arms as in your opinion, are required for the safety of the Government property at your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

March 5th. 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Bullion Accounts of James Crawford, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for part of the Third Quarter 1874, viz: from Sept. 9th to Sept. 30th. 1874 inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers. March 5th 1875.

1004, Walnut St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The necessary additional appropriation for the equipment of the Refinery at the San Francisco Mint having been obtained, we are now ready to proceed with the work.

If you are likely to be prevented from coming here for some days yet, I will thank you to so advise me by telegraph on receipt hereof; in which case, I will endeavor to come to Philadelphia in the early part of the week and see you there.

Possibly it will be better for us to confer together in Philadelphia than here, for reasons connected with the execution of a part of the work in that city. You will be better able to judge of this point than myself.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Geo. B. Newton, Esq. March 5th 1875.

303 Walnut St. Philada.

Sir:

Please procure at market rates for the U. S. Mint at Carson, ten tons of Minnesota Mining Co. Copper. Mark packages - "James Crawford, care of D. W. Earl Sacramento, Cal." Ship at through rates, and have same marked on Bill of Lading.

Take duplicate bills of lading, and transmit the same to this office when you forward your account also in duplicate.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco.

March 5th, 1875.

Sir:

I am advised by Messrs. G. Mallinchrodt & Co. St. Louis, Mo. of the shipment to you on the 1st, of two cases Chemically Pure nitric Acid.

The bill of Messrs. Mallinchrodt & Co. (a duplicate of which is enclosed herewith) amounting to $36.06, has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. G. Mallinchrodt & Co.
St. Louis, Mo.

March 5th, 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 2d. inst. enclosing in duplicate your account and Bill Lading for two cases Chemically Pure nitric Acid, shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft will be transmitted you for the amount $36.06.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas Le. Acton, Esq. March, 5th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during March has been approved for $13,000.- from the following appropriations viz:

Salaries	1875.	$3,100.-
Wages of Workmen	1875	6.100.-
Contingent Expenses	1875	3,800.-

The Secretary has been requested to make the same "special."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas Le. Acton Esq. March 6th. 1875.

Superintendent &c.
New York.

Sir.

I return herewith draft covering the transfer of $72.709.77 from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office N.Y. to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, and have to request that you will obtain the signature of the Agent or Attorney of the Adams' Express Co. to the receipt endorsed thereon, and return the same to the Treasurer of the U.S. as your voucher for charging him with the amount in your account current of the Bullion Fund.

The Express Company having delivered the Bullion representing the amount above stated to the Superintendent of the Mint, and holding his receipt for the same, is relieved of all responsibility.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow.

March 6th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It being desirable that this Office should be informed of any material change in the price of Silver bullion in the London Market. I respectfully suggest that the Department make an arrangement under which it will in future be informed by Cable of any alteration in the London price for Silver, which amounts to a half pence per ounce, British standard. The ruling rate during the last few months has been 57 1/2 pence per ounce. In case of change of price, it would only be necessary to cable, "advanced half pence" or "declined half pence", as the case might be, adding if the correspondent deemed advisable, the cause, as for instance, "demand for Spain", "Indies", or "Sales on German Account."

The information would be of much service in making purchases of silver bullion for coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

March 6th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, to the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. of one million dollars ($1.000.000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

March 6th 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 3d inst. transmitting a report from the Melter & Refiner of your Mint, relative to the per-centage of condemned ingots &c.

The report of the Assayer on the same subject, has not been received, and you will therefore please have it forwarded, if already prepared, and if not prepared, have the Assayer attend to it at his convenience.

I have only been able to give the exhaustive Report of Prof. Booth a cursory examination. At my leisure I will examine it more carefully. It appears to be a document of extraordinary interest, and covers some points understood by few, and not fully discussed in any other document which has come under my observation.

I must correct an impression which Prof. Booth appears to be laboring under in reference to my object in investigating this subject. He appears to think that I am disposed to hold this Department responsible for the large per centage of condemned ingots. In this, he is in error.

During my visits to the Pacific Coast in the last four or five years, I have noticed a disposition among Refiners to allow the bullion of Eastern Nevada and Utah, to find a market in the East. Subsequent examination and reflection brought me to the conclusion, That the bullion referred to was difficult to refine by the ordinary processes, to a degree of purity

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sufficient for alloying with copper for coinage.

In my correspondence with the Assay Office at New York, I had frequently called attention to the vital importance of more thorough refining of this class of bullion.

Finding it difficult to impress the view above stated upon the Melter & Refiner at New York, and knowing that the Western Mints were kept free from such bullion, I determined to institute an examination as to the percentage of condemned ingots at the different Coinage Mints.

The examination has resulted in a presentation of facts on the part of your Melter and Refiner of the greatest importance, and I think you will agree with me, that it has well paid for itself, even if no other result be obtained than the able report of that zealous and experienced officer.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

March 6th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst. enclosing the accounts of Mrs. Phillips for Bone ash, and Bullock & Crenshaw for Glass Stoppers, purchased for the Mint at Denver, Colorado, is received.

The Bills have been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

March 6th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th. inst. in relation to the purchase of a further supply of zinc and tin for minor coinage purposes, you are informed that your proposition to advertise for the quantity needed (two thousand pounds of each) under the provisions of the 29th. section of the Coinage Act, has my approval.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

March 6th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to respectfully request that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San Francisco, to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of five hundred thousand (500,000) ounces in fine silver bars of the nominal value of six hundred and twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars ($627.500) - the same to be transported from San Francisco to Philadelphia by Wells Fargo & Co's Express, at the rate of $15. per thousand dollars, payable in subsidiary silver coin by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. J. J. L. Schirmer
Assayer in Charge
Denver, Col.

March 6th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, enclosing two bills as follows: viz:

Mess Phillips one Bbl. Bone ash $78.-

Mess. Bullock & Crenshaw for Glass Stopcocks 2.50

These bills have been duly approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement. You will charge the same to the Contingent Expenses account of your institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

R. E. Rogers,
1004 Walnut Street, Philad.a

March 6th 1875.

Will see you here Tuesday as proposed. Will have drawings looked up and all ready.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

M. J. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, New Orleans.

March 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of March 1875, has been approved for the sum of $301.40 from the following appropriation, viz:

Salaries — — — 1875 — — — $301.40

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
#1219 Ballonhill St.
Philadelphia.

March 8th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Inviteng your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, I am of the opinion that the articles therein referred to may fairly be considered to have been embraced in the order for the two machines complete, whether technically specified or not.

I will be glad if you will correct the matter at your earliest convenience, in order that the machinery referred to may be put in operation with the least possible delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

George B. Newton, Esq.
303 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

March 8th 1875.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst. I have to inform you that the copper must be sent by rail, and not by sea.

You can probably contract on more favorable terms with the Balto. and Ohio R. R. Company.

I am advised that that Company contracts for through rates from Philadelphia to Sacramento.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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R. W. Raymond, Esq.

March 8th 1875.

U. S. Mining Commissioner
#27 Park Row, N. Y.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23 ult. transmitting your accounts and vouchers for the quarter ending December 31st 1874, which I have this day transmitted to the First Auditor for settlement.

I have called the attention of that officer to Voucher No. 1 - (the receipt of N. Wolters for $200-) the payment of which would appear to be in violation of Section #1625, page 315 of the Revised Statutes. - Mr. Wolters being an officer of the United States, and his compensation as such, fixed by law.

Referring to Voucher No. 2 covering payment of $21. - Premium on Insurance Policy, I have to request that if, as I suppose, the property insured belongs to the United States, you will furnish a descriptive list thereof for file in this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. C. Lyon.

March 8th 1875.

National Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have sent to the Superintendent of the Philad.a Mint, by to-day's mail, the necessary papers authorizing the delivery to you of the silver medal struck for you in 1873, on the payment by you to him of the cost thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 8th 1875.

Sir:

When you shall have sent to the Assay Office N.Y. all the Subsidiary Silver Coin due that Office, and your stock of such coin manufactured from Silver belonging to the Bullion Fund of your Mint shall amount to $200,000. you will notify this office in order that the necessary steps be taken to transfer the same to the Treasurer of the United States.

The Secretary of the Treasury has at the request of this office directed the transfer to your Bullion Fund of 500,000 ounces troy of fine silver bars, from the Mint at San Francisco, a portion of the amount may be expected to arrive in from three to four weeks. I advise you as above, in order that you may so arrange for transfer of coin to the Treasurer of the U. S. in time to give you as much vault room as possible.

The silver bullion embraced in this transfer was purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint, San Francisco, under instructions from this Office, at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five and a half (125½) cents per ounce fine, at which rate the cost thereof and the amount with which your Bullion will be debited (when received by you) is six hundred and twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars. ($627.500.)

After consultation with the Secretary and First Comptroller of the Treasury, it has been determined that the expense of transporting this bullion should be paid by you in

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subsidiary silver coins from "Profits on Silver Coinage" Wells Fargo & Co. Express having agreed to transport the same at the rate of 15. per one thousand dollars, payable in silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. March 8th 1875.
Assayer &c.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th inst. to the First Comptroller of the Treasury making inquiry as to appropriations for the support of your Assay Office for the next fiscal year, has been referred by that officer to me for reply.

I have before me a certified copy of the Act making appropriations for the Legislative, Executive &c. departments of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1876, and regret to inform you that it makes no provision whatever for your office.

You will be duly instructed as to the disposition of the public property in your custody, at the close of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. J. B. Newton, March 8th 1875.
303 Walnut St. Philada
Copper to be sent by Rail and not by Steamer.
H. R. Linderman
Director mint.

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R. W. Raymond, Esq. March 8th, 1875.

U. S. Commr of Mining Statistics
27 Park Place, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. requesting the sum of $2,500 to be advanced to you from the recent appropriation of Congress, has been received.

Action on your requisition cannot be taken until a certified copy of the law containing the appropriation on which it is made shall have been received from the State Department, which will probably be within a week.

I am informally advised that the Section containing the appropriation differs materially in phraseology from that uniformly employed in the previous appropriations for the Collection of Mining Statistics, and may be construed to relieve the Department from any supervision.

As soon as a certified copy of the law is received, I will submit the question to the Secretary of the Treasury for instructions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Bishop & Hazard March 8th, 1875.

Booksellers, Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

You will please furnish for the use of this office, one copy of Bryant & Stratton's Commercial Arithmetic, and render receipted bill for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. Ks. Lee Grange, Esq. March 8th. 1875.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

At the request of this office the Secretary of the Treasury has directed the transfer of 500,000. ounces troy, in fine silver bars from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to that of the Mint at Philadelphia.

A draft will therefore be drawn upon you in favor of Wells Fargo & Co. for six hundred and twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars ($627.500) payable in fine silver bars, - that sum being the cost of five hundred thousand ounces fine silver at 125½ per ounce fine, will be the amount with which you will charge the Treasurer of the United States in your account.

The expense of transporting this silver will be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia on delivery of the same in subsidiary silver coins at the rate of $15. per thousand, at which rate, the amount on $627.500. will amount to $9,412.50.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq. March 8th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint. New Orleans.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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D. W. Graham, Esq.

March 8th. 1875.

First Auditor.

Treasy Dept.

Sir:

Herewith I enclose the accounts and vouchers of R. W. Raymond Esq. U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics for the quarter ending December 31st. 1874 for examination and settlement.

Your attention is respectfully called to voucher no. 1. of A. Wolters. Esq. for the sum of $200 — Mr. Wolters being a United States officer whose salary is fixed by law.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City.

Sir:

From Voucher No. 35 of your Ordinary Expense account for February, I find that you have paid to Geo. A. Erkenbrach thirty (30) cents per lb. for chemically pure nitric acid, which appears high, considering the quotations furnished this office by Messrs. Powers & Weightman (17¢ per. lb.) & Rosengarten & Sons. (18¢ per lb.).

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 8th 1875.

Supt. &c. San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day sent you a telegram of which the following is a copy:

"Draft for transfer of five hundred thousand "ounces fine silver from your Bullion Fund, to "that of Philadelphia Mint forwarded by "mail today. Bullion - to be forwarded by "Wells Fargo, at rate stated in your despatch.- "arrange accordingly."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 8th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses, covering the gold wastage of the operative officers for the fiscal year ending June 30" 1873, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Supt. Mint March 8th 1875.

San Francisco.

Draft for transfer of five hundred thousand ounces fine silver from your Bullion Fund to that of Philadelphia Mint forwarded by mail to day - Bullion to be forwarded by Wells Fargo at rate stated in your dispatch. Arrange accordingly.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

March 8th. 1875.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 6th. inst. I return herewith duplicate bill (No. 54.) of M. U. Davis, transmitted with your Ordinary Expense Account for February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

B. F. Stevens, Esqr.
#17 Henrietta St.
Convent Garden
London, England.

March 9th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to purchase and forward to this office, Second Edition, Vol. 2. Part 2, of the "Principles of Economical Philosophy", by Henry Dunning Macleod.

There was a work on the "Theories of Values", by Tooke, published some years ago in England, which I will be obliged if you will also forward to this office, if it can be obtained at a reasonable price.

Upon receipt of these books, a bill of exchange will be remitted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

F. O. French
1st. National Bank, New York.

March 9th. 1875

Have you any news for us relative to silver?
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

March 9th 1875.

Have Hetrich report in person without delay to Professor Rogers, Philadelphia, and send with him all drawings and plans of building and Refinery rooms, also, make an accurate measurement of said rooms, and bring also Roger's drawings and reports recently sent out.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

March 9th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Have Hetrich report in person without delay to Professor Rogers Philadelphia, and send with him all drawings and plans of building and Refinery rooms - also make accurate measurement of said rooms and bring also Rogers drawings and reports recently sent out."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

March 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First auditor for adjustment your supplemental a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 9th 1875.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office a Proof set of Subsidiary Silver coins for 1875, and render your account for the nominal value thereof in gold coin, in order that an account may be stated in your favor, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 9th 1875.
Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Dear Sir:

You will please allow Prof. Barnard to photograph such of the coining and other machines of the Mint as he may desire to illustrate an article on Mint in the new Cyclopedia soon to be issued.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 9th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You are respectfully requested to explain Voucher No. 76 of your Ordinary Expense account for February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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March 9th. 1875.

I propose, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, - to employ Professor Robert E. Rogers, of Philadelphia, - to prepare the working plans and drawings for, and superintend the equipment of, a Sulphuric Acid Refinery, in the new Mint at San Francisco, at a compensation of Five Hundred Dollars per month, and his necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of the duties which this employment will devolve upon him.

It is expected that the proposed Refinery can be completed and in readiness for operations in about four months.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. G. Kellogg, Esq.

March 9th. 1875.

Oswego, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 5th. inst. rec'd. I cannot tell whether Dr. Hewston has returned to California, as I have not seen him since the Annual Assay in Philadelphia, nearly a month ago.

The only legislation enacted by the last Congress, relative to refining upon the Pacific Coast, was the making of an appropriation to complete the Refinery in the New Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Chas. J. Stanch, Esq. March 9th 1875.

611 North 7th St. Philada Pa.

Dear Sir:

Please inform me at what price you will undertake to make 6 models (similar to that recently received from you of Life-Saving medal) of each of the three medals:-

1. Life-Saving medal 1st class.
2. " " " 2nd " "
3. Metis medal.

in all 18 models.

Truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas L. Acton, Esq. March 9th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed application addressed to you by Mr. J. V. Wilder, an employé in the Assayers' Department, I have to request an expression of your views as to the propriety of granting the leave of absence requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon March 9th 1875.
First Auditor.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the supplemental account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the fiscal year ended June, 30th 1873.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

March 9th, 1875.

Sir:

The proposition of General John Hewston to superintend the equipment of the Refinery at the new Mint, viz; ten thousand dollars ($10,000.) in gold coin being regarded as excessive compared with the rates of compensation usually allowed by the Government, is respectfully declined, and with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, Professor Robert E. Rogers, of the University of Pennsylvania, has been employed to superintend and direct the execution of the work at a compensation of five hundred dollars ($500) per month in currency, and his necessary expenses while performing the duties assigned him.

Enclosed you will find copy of a communication of this date to Professor Rogers, and in which the general plan of proceeding is stated.

Referring to my telegram of current date in which you were instructed to cause Mr. Frank D. Hetrich, now employed at your Mint, to report in person to Professor Rogers, in Philadelphia, for duty, I have to inform you that Mr. Hetrich is detailed for expediting the work, and to familiarize himself with the entire arrangement of the Refinery, and the operations to be conducted in it. The expenses of his trip to Philadelphia, will be paid out of the appropriation for the Refinery.

When funds shall be actually required under these instructions, you will make requisition therefor on the appropriation for equipping the Refinery, through this office, and you will render a monthly account of your expenditures.

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When it becomes actually necessary to employ workmen, or laborers in filling up the Refinery, you will employ them at a reasonable compensation submitting the same, for the approval of this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Professor Robert E. Rogers

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia, Pa.

March 9th. 1875.

Sir:

Your offer to take charge of the equipment of the Sulphuric Acid Refinery at the New Mint in San Francisco according to the plans agreed upon January 22d. 1875, and to prepare immediately the working plans and drawings of said Refinery, and direct the work until final completion, at a compensation of Five Hundred dollars ($500.) per month and your necessary expenses, is, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury accepted, and you are authorized and directed to proceed immediately with the work, and push it with all convenient dispatch to completion. It is understood that no allowance for Hotel expenses will be made during the time you are engaged in the City of Philadelphia.

I have today instructed the Superintendent of the Mint, San Francisco, to have Mr. Frank D. Fetrich of that Mint to report to you in person for duty, and bring with him the plans for the Refinery heretofore prepared by you.

Any materials which you may require in Philadelphia for the Refinery will be purchased

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by you, an estimate of the cost of the same being first submitted to this office, and its approval obtained. Duplicate bills for such purchases, duly receipted, will be taken, and approved by you, and transmitted to this office for payment. In forwarding any materials or apparatus to San Francisco, you will ship by rail at through rates, and which must be marked on the Bills Lading to be transmitted to this office.

The materials, apparatus &c. required to be obtained in San Francisco, will be purchased subject to the approval of this office as to quantity and price, by the Superintendent of the Mint in that city, on your requisition, and that officer will be instructed to open an account of expenses incurred in the equipment of the Refinery.

I transmit herewith copies of the memorandum dated January 22d. 1875, containing the general plan of the Refinery, also, a copy of the paper containing the approval of your employment by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the purpose, and at the rate of compensation herein stated.

You will keep this office duly informed of the progress of the work, and submit a monthly report exhibiting in detail your expenditures and proceedings.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

March 10th 1875.

Sir:

Under the Act of March 3d. 1875, authorizing the coinage of the Twenty Cent piece of Silver at the Mints of the United States, provision is made that it shall be coined conformably in all respects to the Coinage Act of 1873, and that it shall be of the weight of five grams.

The deviation from standard weight is not to exceed one and one half grains in each piece, and in weighing a large number of pieces together in deliveries by the Coiner to the Superintendent, and by the Superintendent to the Depositor, the deviation from standard weight must not exceed two hundredths of an ounce in one thousand pieces.

A strict construction of the 18th. Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, requires an impression emblematic of liberty, with the inscription of the word "liberty" and year of coinage to be placed on the obverse of this coin, and a figure of an Eagle with the inscriptions "United States of America" and "E Pluribus Unum", and the designation of the value of the coin on the reverse. It will be difficult however, to place both inscriptions on the reverse, and if it be found impracticable, we will be compelled to omit the latter.

I have to request that you will cause to be immediately prepared, a specimen twenty-cent coin as follows:

Obverse – The same device as on the Half Dollar, Quarter Dollar, and Dime.

Reverse – precisely the same as the reverse of the twenty cent specimen struck in 1874, using

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that die for the purpose.

If, in the opinion of yourself and the Engraver, the motto "E Pluribus Unum" can be inscribed on the Reverse without destroying the artistic and symmetrical arrangement, you will add the inscription.

After the specimens shall have been finally adopted, you will cause to be prepared specimens of precisely the same design for the reverse of the Quarter and Half Dollar.

All the specimens herein referred to, will when completed, be transmitted to this office for its action.

I enclose a copy of the act authorizing a twenty cent coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 10th, 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philada.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a design, forwarded by the Coiner of the San Francisco Mint, of a concave punch for cutting planchets from light strips, and making them of standard weight.

These punches are in use both at San Francisco and Carson, and the Coiners at those Institutions claim for them advantages in saving planchets which would otherwise be condemned as "lights".

I will thank you to refer the design to Mr. Snowden, for his consideration.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq.

March 10th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 1st inst. replying to one from this office under date of Feby 20th 1874 and have to inform you that the explanations are entirely satisfactory.

The name of Miss. S. Maltman, Adjuster has been restored to the list of your employes on the official Register of this office.

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of January, 1875, and attention called to the amounts overpaid Messrs. Barry, Murray, & Yeargan, Workmen in the Coiners' department.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Y. O. French, Esq.

March 10th 1875.

1st National Bank, N.Y.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your despatch and Telegram respecting prospects of executing order for foreign silver.

I suppose that it is unnecessary for me to say that it would not do for you to purchase any but foreign silver under the option you have. We could not accept domestic silver for the reason that our price is 126 cents per ounce fine, & at which rate we are almost daily purchasing small lots in your city.

Very truly

H. R. Linderman ~ Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,
1st. Auditr.

March 10th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honr to transmit herewith for adjustment the a/c of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the month of January, 1875.

Your attention is invited to the compensation paid to the following employés in the Coiner's Dept. the same being in excess of the rates approved by me, viz:

John Barry, Workman, paid at the rate of $5.75 per diem, approved for $5.00.

D. Murray, Workman, paid at the rate of $5.75 per diem approved for $5.50.

D. J. Gearigan, paid at the rate of $5.75 per diem, approved for $5.50.

I also enclose a copy of a communication from the Supt. of the San Francisco mint, explaining certain Vouchers in this a/c.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

March 10th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Funds of the mint at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the U. S. of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in subsidiary silver coin (half dollars.)

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 10th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint, Denver. Col.

Sir:

Your accounts of expenses incurred by you in attending the meeting of the Annual Assay Commission, and for expenses in going from Philadelphia to Washington at my request, have been received, approved, and referred to the Accounting Officers for Settlement, and in the course of a few days, drafts will be transmitted you for the amounts $220.5/100 and $26.2/100.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

G. B. Newton, Esq. March 10th. 1875.

303, Walnut st. Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th. inst. you are informed that we shall not require more than the ten (10) tons of Pr. Pr. Company Copper, heretofore ordered.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. March 10th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of J. R. Ribbe, Watchman in the General Dept. of your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March, 10th 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the sum of $220.50 has been paids from the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint, 1875, on account of bill of Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer, for expenses incurred in attending the annual assay Commission.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia)

March 10th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the U. S. of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia).

March 10th 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith receipted Voucher no. 54, (duplicate).

The original with your account has also been receipted.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 10th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to report as to what steps have been taken to strike raised letters on the periphery of the coins, by the use of the segment collar, and the results of the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

If you have sufficient bullion for the purpose, please push your subsidiary coinage this month on such denominations as suits the economical working of the Mint. If the amount of bullion be not sufficient, then run on Dimes to your full capacity.

I will communicate as to your appropriations in a day or two. The items for Artesian Well $10,000, and for two Annealing Furnaces $15,000. were obtained, but nothing can be done about the appropriations, until the acts are printed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 27th ult. in reference to certain articles needed to complete the machinery recently sent to your Mint by Messrs. Morgan & Orr, I enclose copy of a reply from those gentlemen in answer to a communication from this office, upon the subject.

It will be seen from their reply, that the die Plates for the Draw Bench have been sent you. The punches and collar for the cutting Press, you will have made at the Mint at San Francisco, or if they cannot be made at that Institution, you will please send an order to Messrs. Morgan & Orr, specifying the size of the articles required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman.

D. W. Mahon, Esq.
First Auditor.

March 11th 1875.

Sir.

Referring to my letter to you of the 8th inst. transmitting the accounts and vouchers of R. W. Raymond, Commissioner of Mining Statistics, for the quarter ending December 31st 1874, in which letter I called your attention to Voucher No. 1. for $200. paid to Mr. Wolters, — I enclose herewith an extract from a letter of Mr. Raymonds, dated the 9th inst. explanatory of the transaction.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to Voucher No. 45 of your Ordinary Expense Account for February 1875, bill of Wm. F. Murphy for Stationery, I have to call your attention to the following items contained therein viz:

200	Blanks printed Mint Coins &c	$12.
1	Cashiers Blotter printed	32.
1 M	Envelopes printed	12.
2 Rms.	large wrapping paper	17.
1 M.	Envelopes	13.
300	Linen Envelopes assorted	19.

The prices paid for these items are considerably higher than those paid by the Department for similar articles.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense account for February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 11th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"What amount of subsidiary silver will you coin this month. Turn out all you can. Answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Telegram.

March 11th 1875.

Superintendent Mint
San Francisco.

What amount of subsidiary silver will you coin this month. Turn out all you can. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar Telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Telegram.

March 11th 1875.

Superintendent Assay Office,
N. Y.

Continue purchases of Silver on same terms, proper official authorization sent by mail today.

H. R. Linderman
Director of Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philadelphia.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

Upon examination it is found that in the transfers of light coins sent the Mint in 1873, for re-coinage, were silver coins, as follows; viz:

$6,900.00	from Asst. Treas.	Chicago,	net proceeds	$6,553.44	loss $346.56
36,000.00	" "	Boston	" "	35,567.81	" 432.19
409.30	" Dep'y	Louisville	" "	347.29	" 62.01
$43,309.30				$42,468.54	" 840.76

The net amount of the above $42,468.54 was added to the Bullion Fund of the Mint and the loss $840.76 carried by you into your account of loss on re-coinage of light gold coin.

On reference to the law making appropriations for loss on re-coinage of light coins it is found that provision is made for the loss on light gold coin only, and the accounting Officers have accordingly decided that the Treasurer cannot be reimbursed from that appropriation, for the loss which occurred on the re-coinage of the silver coin in question. After careful consideration and consultation with the accounting officers, it has been determined, that in preference to keeping this loss unadjusted until an appropriation to cover it can be obtained, to reimburse the Treasurer, from the "Profits on Silver Coinage", you are therefore authorized and directed, to debit your account of "Profits on Silver Coinage" with the sum of $840.76, as loss on re-coinage of light silver coin, and credit your "Bullion Fund" with the same amount as a transfer from the Treasurer to that fund, referring to this letter as your authority.

I also find that you include in your

Statement of loss on recoinage of light gold coin, the loss, on deposits Nos. 691. 756. & 766, made in October 1873, which were not transfers of Treasury moneys proper, the loss ($19.80) upon which is not properly chargeable to, or payable by the Government, and it is furthermore found that you do not embrace in your statement the loss ($16.58) which occurred on deposit No. 1005 December 1873, and which was, a transfer of Treasury money proper.

From the above you will perceive that there is an overcharge in your statement of $3.22, and which will be deducted from the amount claimed as due the Mint.

The following is a correct exhibit of your account for loss on recoinage of light gold coin, viz:

Loss unsettled as per your Statement	$11.258.20
From which deduct loss on silver not payable from appropriation for loss on recoinage of light gold coin	$840.76
Balance	$10,417.44.
Amount of loss since July 1st. 1874 per statement	$10.420.66
Difference	3.22

and which arises as follows:

Loss paid on deposits No. 691, 756, & 766, Oct. 73 not transfers of Treasury moneys proper, and <u>not taken up on the Books of the Treasurer</u>	$19.80
Less loss on deposit No 1005 Dec'r 1873 (Foreign coin) not accounted for	16.58
Difference explained	3.22

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. H. J. Page

March 11th 1875.

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Agreeable to your verbal request made this day, I return herewith the certificates issued in 1869, by A. Gurry, Esq. as Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, in favor Hudson Dill for $175.50, and E. B. Wartman for $130. for labor performed by them, with the information that there is no appropriation out of which these claims can be paid.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 11th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to purchase five hundred Thousand (500,000) ounces of fine silver bullion at the lowest market rate and not exceeding 126 cents per ounce troy fine.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,
First Auditor.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, La., for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the month of February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

March 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

February 18th 1875.

Sir:

As soon after the receipt of this communication as you can conveniently arrange to be absent from your duties you will proceed direct to San Francisco, without allowing any person whatever to know of your contemplated visit or business.

Assuming that you will arrive at San Francisco in the evening you will call at the mint by half past eight o'clock the morning thereafter, and take temporary possession of the Cashiers' vaults, and after obtaining from the books of the mint a statement of balances at the close of business on the previous day you will count the coin on hand and ascertain whether the same corresponds with the amount as stated upon the books of account. You will at the same time count and ascertain if the moneys belonging to the Ordinary Fund correspond with the Superintendent's balance sheet.

In order that the count which you are intended to make shall be of any value to this office, it is absolutely necessary that no one should be apprised of your contemplated visit to or your presence in San Francisco, until you shall have presented yourself to the Superintendent and obtained possession of the vaults before the same shall have been opened by the Cashier.

On your way home from San Francisco, you will make a similar count of the Cashiers' vaults at the Carson Mint, pursuing the same course as indicated in the case of the San Francisco

Mint.

While in San Francisco you will make a careful examination of the expense attending deposit melting with a view to ascertain if the rates of charge now fixed for melting various grades of bullion correspond with the requirements of law. You will also make the same examination at Carson.

You will also make a careful examination of the expenses attending the refining or parting of bullion at the Carson Mint to ascertain whether the tariff or charges is in accordance with the requirements of law.

A copy of the general instructions, and which contains the Coinage Act of 1873 is transmitted herewith.

While the subjects above referred to are the special object of your visit to the Pacific Coast, your examination will not be confined to the same; you will, on the contrary, make such further examination of the manner of conducting business and operations in the various departments, the attendance of Officers, Clerks, and Workmen during the prescribed hours, with a view to ascertain whether the instructions and regulations are complied with in all respects, and the respective institutions are conducted with fidelity, and in a manner to properly guard the interest of the Government and depositors.

At the conclusion of your examination you will submit a confidential report to this office, setting forth in detail the result of your examinations.

Your necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of the duties herein assigned

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you will be paid your own raw account thereof accompanied by proper vouchers being presented to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

February 18th 1876.

Sir:

It being inconvenient for either myself or the Examiner of this office to visit your coast at this time, I have availed myself of the services of one of our most competent and reliable officers to make the examination of your institution contemplated by law and regulations;- the bearer, Prof. J. J. L. Shirmer of the Denver mint, is the officer referred to, and you are hereby instructed to afford him every facility in the discharge of the duties assigned him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 13th, 1876.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of F. X. Cicott Asst. Coiner in your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of March, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $37,213.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,213.—
Wages of Workmen	1875	30,000.—
Contingent Expenses	1875	5,000.—

The Secretary of the Treasury has been requested to make the same special.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

The following appropriations for the support of the Mint at San Francisco, for the current fiscal year are provided in "An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies" approved March 3" 1875, viz:

For wages of workmen & adjusters	$37,000.00
" Contingent Expenses	" 19,000.00

with which it is expected that you will be able to run the mint to its full capacity for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

The following appropriations for the support of the Mint at Carson for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875, are provided by an "act making appropriations to supply deficiencies" approved March 3d 1875.

For wages of workmen & adjusters $16,000.
" Contingent Expenses 79,000.

It is confidently expected that you will with the appropriations specified be able to run your mint to its full capacity for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson City, Nev.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. in your favor for the sum of twenty-Thousand dollars, from the appropriation of $79,000. provided in the Deficiency Bill for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at Carson, for the Current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

I have received your letter of March 4th explaining certain items in your Ordinary Account for January, & returning corrected Voucher No. 124.

The explanations given are entirely satisfactory, and I have this day transmitted your account to the Auditor.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office the amount of unpaid bills for supplies furnished the Carson Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Chg. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

March 12th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Stephen P. Russell, Jr. March 12th 1875.

85 Cedar St. New York.

Sir:

I have yours of the 10th inst. making certain inquiries relative to the precious metal product of California.

From data in my possession I find that the production of Gold in California reached its maximum in 1853, and amounted to $65,000,000. The exports of treasure from San Francisco for the same year, were $54,965,000.

I send herewith a copy of my last annual Report, with pages marked, containing any further information you may desire upon the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow March 12th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of James Crawford, Supt. of the Mint at Carson, Nevada, for the sum of Twenty thousand dollars, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of said Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. Y. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 12th 1875.
Assayer, U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2,212.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — 1875 — $895.60
Wages of workmen — 1875, — 1317.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. Y. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 12th 1875.
Assayer &c. U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense account for the month of February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 12th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahin,
1st. Auditor.

March 12th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahin
1st. Auditor.

March 12th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the month of January 1875, for adjustment.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 12th. 1875

Sir:

You will please instruct Mr. G. V. Leicott, Asst. Coiner in your Mint to execute a Bond in the sum of Ten Thousand (10,000) Dollars, and forward the same to this office at the earliest convenience.

Blank form of Bond, is enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Chas. J. Stanch, Esq.
611 Nth. 7th St.
Philadelphia.

March 13th 1875.

Sir:

I send herewith the designs which have been accepted for the Life-Saving Medal of the 2d. class, and which you will please model in clay, making, say, three copies of the obverse, and one of the reverse, the same as sample sent to this office a few days since.

I will thank you to have the designs photographed at our expense, before commencing the models, and to return the original designs with the model to this office.

On close inspection of the female figure on the obverse design, you will perceive that the knee and part immediately under the knee, are wanting in symmetry, and must be corrected in the model.

The size of the medal is to be two and one eight inches.

Your attention is called to the following memorandum, in order that you may understand how to arrange for the necessary legends and inscriptions.

Obverse -- The design to occupy the entire space, except room for necessary border.

Reverse -- Around the upper and outer side of the medal, the legend, "Life-Saving Medal of the Second Class", and around lower space, "United States of America". Within the wreath, the inscription, "To ------ ------ for meritorious services in Saving life from the perils of the sea."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 13th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday relative to your Requisition for funds for the current month, I have to say that upon inquiry I learn that a draft for the amount thereof will be sent you in a few days.

The delay in passing your Requisition was occasioned by an unwillingness upon the part of the Officer in charge of the Warrant Division to advance funds for the payment of Salaries and Wages, until they are needed, the latter part of the month. He is willing to make advances from Contingent Appropriations as soon as asked for. Hence it will be necessary for you, if you desire to have funds on hand for the payment of Contingent Expenses before the 15th of the month, to transmit your Requisition on this appropriation on a separate form.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. March 13th 1875.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense account for February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 13th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. you are informed that a pamphlet copy of the Statutes at Large was mailed to your address, from the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury, in the month of October, 1875. This pamphlet contained the proceedings of the 43rd. Congress to that time.

I will thank you to inform me if the pamphlet was received. If not received, a request will be made of the Secretary of the Treasury to send you another volume.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 13th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the fitting up of the rooms lately occupied by H. Clews & Co. I have to say that the matter turns out as I intimated to you it would some time since, viz: that the Supervising Architect will have no available funds to commence the work until after July 1st.

I expect to be in your city very soon, and will go over the entire subject with you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

March 13th 1875.

Sir:

In all cases where fine silver bullion is transferred from the Assay Office New York, to your Mint, for conversion into subsidiary silver coin, the expenses of transportation will be paid by you from the Profits on such coinage. You will therefore pay the express charges for the transportation of $119,377.40 value of fine silver delivered you on 11th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 13th 1875.

Sir:

The act making appropriations to supply deficiencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, approved March 3d. 1875, contains the following appropriation: "United States Mint at Philadelphia: For improving facilities for water supply by Artesian Well, ten thousand dollars."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

March 13th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the official oath of M. W. Davis, watchman in your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

March 13th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that he has shipped to your address a box containing the following dies:

	Obverse	Reverse
Half Dollars,	6	6
Quarter Dollars,	6	6
Dimes,	6	6
Total —	18	18

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same through this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 15th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find duplicate account of Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons for 504 lbs. C.P. Nitric acid shipped your Mint, payment for which will be made by the accounting officers from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Herman Faber, Esq. March 13th 1875.

2139 Brandywine St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favr of the 11th inst. also designs for the obverse and reverse of the Life Saving Medal of the second class, which have been accepted.

Your bill for traveling expenses has also been received, and referred to the proper officer for settlement.

You will please render a bill in such amount as you may deem reasonable and just, for the designs for the Metis and Life Saving Medal of the Second class, and which will be subject to the approval of this office.

The design for the pin and bar received from Bailey & Co. together with estimate of cost of the same, will be considered in due time.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. March 13th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office for the months of March 1875, has been approved for the sum of $688.90 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — 1875 — — — $585.60
Wages of Workmen — — 1875 — — — 103.30

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, of the U.S.
Carson, Nev.

March 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint that he has shipped to your address a box containing the following dies:

	Obverse.	Reverse.
Dimes	9	8
Quarter Dollars	8	5
Half Dollars	7	7
Total —	24	20

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same through this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Bailey & Co.

March 13th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th. inst. relative to a design for a Pin to attach Ribbon holding medal to clothing &c. and furnishing estimate of the cost of the same.

The matter will be considered when the "Metis" and "Life Saving" Medals shall have been completed - the designs now being in the hands of the Engraver for that purpose.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Geo: C. Thompson, Esq.
Supt. Mint Dept.
Adams Express Co.
Philadelphia.

March 13th, 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst., you are informed that the Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia, has been instructed to pay the transportation charges on $119,377.40 the value of Silver delivered here by your Company on the 11th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

March 13th, 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C. for the month of February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Prof. J. J. Schirmer
Care of Mint, San Francisco.

March 15th, 1875.

You may delay examination until delivery of bullion is completed, unless you deem it important to proceed immediately.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Laligrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

March 15th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day, viz:

"Superintendent, Mint San Francisco.

Purchase of San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works Doré Silver to amount of One Million of Dollars, on basis of its delivery in New York, at rate of one dollar twenty six and a half cents per ounce for silver contained and coining value of gold; that is to say, deducting cost of transportation to and parting charge at New York. Pay approximate value of bullion on its delivery to you in gold coin from Bullion Fund, any discrepancies in Assays at New York to be settled by Philadelphia Mint. Will order transfer of this bullion to New York on purchase being reported by telegraph and have your Bullion Fund correspondingly increased."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Rosengarten & Sons
Philadelphia.

March 15th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your account for 504 lbs. C. P. Nitric Acid shipped the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, has been received, approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft will be sent you for the amount $114.42.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Swingrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

March 15th, 1875.

Sir:

Your monthly Requisitions for funds approximate the amount of your Official Bond ($40,000.00)

There is generally a balance of a few thousand dollars in your hands at the close of each month, and very often your Account of Ordinary Expenditures for the previous month does not reach us until some time after your Requisition.

Of course, if your account has not reached us, there are no vouchers to show any disbursements from the former remittance, which apparently leaves a large balance in your possession.

The Comptroller has on several occasions expressed an unwillingness to advance a disbursing Officer more funds from the appropriations than the amount of his Bond.

For these reasons we find great difficulty in passing your Requisitions through the Accounting Officers so that a draft may reach you by the end of the month.

I think, therefore, that it would be well for you to increase the amount of your Bond to one Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00), which will enable you to keep always on hand a balance for current expenses, and at the same time to obtain your Remittances without delay.

I enclose herewith blank form of Bond which you will please execute in the sum of $100,000.00 to take the place of your

Bond at present on file in the Comptrollers' Office.

I am Sir, very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co. March 15th 1875.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of 13th inst. inquiring whether this Department is at present prepared to purchase Silver Bullion, and if so, at what price and to what extent, has been received.

In reply you are informed, that the Department is purchasing Silver at the Assay Office in your City at one hundred and twenty six cents, gold, per ounce troy fine, and will take from you at that rate, one million ounces or any portion thereof, to be delivered within sixty days; this offer to remain open for ten days from this date.

Very respectfully

B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, San Francisco. March 15th 1875.

Purchase of San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works Doré Silver to amount of one million of dollars, on basis of its delivery in New York at rate of one dollar twenty-six and a half cents per ounce for silver contained and coining value of gold, that is to pay, deducting cost of transportation to and parting charge at New York. Pay approximate value of bullion on its delivery to you in gold coin from bullion fund. any discrepancies in Assays at New York to be settled by Philadelphia Mint, will order transfer of this bullion to New York on purchase being reported by telegraph, and have your Bullion Fund correspondingly increased.

H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow March 15th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the San Francisco Mint be increased one million dollars ($1,000.000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin from the Assistant Treasurer in that city, and that the transfer be made immediately by telegraph.

The above addition to the Bullion Fund is rendered necessary on account of the purchase of silver bullion at that Mint for the subsidiary coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co. March 16th 1875.

New York -

Gentlemen:

A telegram in the following words was sent you to-day in answer to your despatch of current date requesting limit of an offer for silver to be increased one half cent per ounce:

"Limit raised half cent per ounce for five hundred thousand ounces, either fine bars, or silver nine-tenths fine, alloy copper."

By the terms of my despatch, the Department's order of 15th inst. is increased as to price one half cent per ounce, for half of the quantity, and otherwise modified to admit of the sale of either fine bars or silver nine tenths fine, the alloy to consist of copper.

Doré or mixed bullion is not included in the offer.

Very respectfully

B. H. Bristow.

Secretary of the Treasury.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

March 16th 1875.

Sir:

Replying to so much of your letter of the 8th inst. as refers to purchases of Silver Bullion, I have to state that the purchases by the San Francisco Mint to which you refer, were made at one hundred and twenty-five and one half cents per ounce fine, or half a cent per ounce above your limit.

Your market for silver being San Francisco, it was thought that considering transportation the price you were authorized to purchase at was equal to the limit fixed at San Francisco.

We have recently purchased Doré Silver on the basis of its delivery in New York free of charges for transportation and parting at one hundred and twenty six cents per ounce fine, which is slightly lower than your limit.

The real obstacle in the way of your purchasing is the fact that the owners of bullion get a better price for it by having it coined into trade dollars, which, supposing that coin to pass at par, gives them nearly 1.14 per standard ounce for their silver. If your refining capacity exceeded the demand for the trade dollar, it would be different.

If you cannot purchase fine silver, you are hereby authorized to purchase Doré Silver on the basis of paying one hundred and twenty-five cents ounce for the silver contained, and coining value for the gold contained deducting from the total value the parting charge paying the net value in gold from your Bullion Fund. Such bullion if purchased will be parted and converted into coin on account of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

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Henry Sanford, Esq. March 16th 1875.

Genl. Supt. Adams Express Co.

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. submitting proposals on behalf of the Adams Express Co. for the transportation of the minor or base coins (one, three, and five cent) from the Mint Philadelphia to places throughout the several states was duly received. After careful consideration, I have to ask the following modification and additions to your proposals viz: include places in West Virginia in schedule of places in States paying one and one half per cent (1½). Include places in the Territories of Colorado, Wyoming and Utah in schedule of States to pay four and one half per cent.

With the modification and additions above mentioned I am prepared to recommend that an addenda be made to the contract of your company with the Treasury Department incorporating the terms proposed by you for the transportation of the minor coins of the U.S.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. J. J. L. Schirmer March 16th 1875.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day care of the Mint San Francisco, viz: "Await at San Francisco receipt of letters sent you by mail today."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

March 16th. 1875.

Prof. R. Ee. Rogers
#1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a communication and appendix from T. Gutzkow, together with certain drawings, in reference to equipment of a Refinery at the San Francisco Mint.

These papers are forwarded for your information, and when you are through with them, you will please turn them over to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco for file in his office.

Very respectfully yrs
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Confidential

March 16th. 1875.

Thos. L. Action, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have to inform you that there has been purchased on Government account in San Francisco, Dore Silver to the amount of one million dollars ($1,000,000.) which will be transferred to your office for the separating operation.

You will be instructed in due time in relation to the manner of receiving and accounting for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. March 16th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have approved your Requisition for funds for the month of March 1875, for the sum of $21.550.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,050.-
Wages	1875	9.500.-
Contingent	1875	10.000.-

The Secretary has been requested to make the same "specials".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Fowler, Esq. March 16th. 1875.
Assayer in charge, Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th. inst. I have to state that upon a careful examination of the act making appropriations for Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876, it is found that no provision is made for the Assay Office at Charlotte, consequently that Office will have to be closed on the 30th. of June next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

March 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenses of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho, for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

March 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Walters, Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

March 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense account for the month of February 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. March 16th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for February, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. He. LaGrange, Esq. March 16th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"Transfer of one million of gold as an addition to your Bullion Fund has been ordered today by telegraph."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint San Francisco. March 16th 1875.

Transfer of one million of gold as an addition to your Bullion Fund, has been ordered today by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint

Telegram. Prof. J. J. Schirmer March 16th 1875.

Care of Mint, San Francisco.

Await at San Francisco receipt of letters sent you by mail today.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram. August Belmont & Co. March 16th 1875.

New York.

Limit raised half cent per ounce for five hundred thousand ounces, either fine bars or silver nine tenths fine, alloy copper.

B. H. Bristow
Secretary.

Hon. James Pollock March 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

I will thank you to refer the enclosed copy of Report of Prof. Schirmer on the Swindell's Refinery Patent, to your Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth.

I expect to be at your Mint on Monday next when we will consider the suggestion contained in Prof. Schirmer's report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock March 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a

Sir:

An appropriation of $10,000. for sinking an Artesian Well at your Mint having been made and now available, I will be glad if you will have ready any print respecting that work on which you may desire to confer with me by Monday next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint

March 17th 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Ascertain in the course of a week price at which you can purchase five hundred thousand ounces Doré Silver and rate at which Express Company will transport same to Philadelphia.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

James Crawford, Esq.

March 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"Ascertain in the course of a week price at which you can purchase five hundred thousand ounces Doré Silver, and rate at which Express Company will transport same to Philadelphia."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

March 17th 1875.

Supt. mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing proposals received by you for furnishing the mint with 2000 lbs. Tin and 2,000. lbs Zinc, is received, and the award made by you to Nathan Trotter & Co. to furnish tin in bars at 25½ per lb. and to R. J. Dongeray for zinc at 10 cts per lb. is approved.

The proposals are returned herewith.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

March 17th 1875.

You are authorized to purchase quantity last ordered at lowest market rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty-six cents per ounce fine. Letter of yesterday on this subject revoked.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

March 17th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"You are authorized to purchase quantity last ordered at lowest market rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty-six cents per ounce fine. Letter of yesterday on this subject revoked."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office
New York.

March 17. 1875.

Expect to be with you to-morrow morning.
H. R. Linderman
Director mint.

Dr. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Mch. 17th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed please find dispatch from Genl. Salgrange received shortly after you left the Office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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C. H. Sw Grange, Esq. March 17th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $444.75 proceeds of sale of old materials is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. Sw Grange, Esq. March 18th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jos. B. Newton, Esq. March 18th. 1875.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. enclosing in duplicate bill for 14 casks Minnesota Ingot Copper shipped by you to the U. S. Mint Carson, Nev., is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement and in due time a draft will be sent you for the amount $5,424.24.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

March 18th, 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

There was shipped to you from New York on the 10th inst. by G. B. Newton, 14 casks Minnesota Ingot, weighing 21.148 pounds, care D. W. Earl, Sacramento.

The bill of Mr. Newton, amounting to $5,424.24 has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement - payment being made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

March 18th, 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have received your communication of the 10th inst. enclosing the Official oath of Oberlin Sowden, Machinist, in your Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegram

Supt. Mint, U. S.

March 18th, 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

Doré is partable bullion, or silver containing gold.

M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

March 18th 1875.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you to-day is hereby made officials:

"Doré is partable bullion or silver containing gold."

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Jhos. B. Acton, Supt.
U. S. Assay Office at N.Y.

New York, March 18th 1875.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to include in the Purchase of 500,000.oz Fine Silver (March 11. 75) Coins of Foreign issue of U. S. Standard or above at the most favorable rates, not exceeding the limit prescribed in my letter of Feby 3. 1875, viz: 1.13-5 pr. ounce Standard U. S.

(Signed) H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jhos. B. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

March 19th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th. inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for $12.882.40 amount of available profits from October 1st. to December 31, 1874. is received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis,
Acting Director.

J. Swain, Esq.

March 19th 1875.

Hillsboro, Hills Co.
Texas.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 13th inst. I have to say that the Government does not coin any gold piece below the dollar.

The Quarter Dollars you refer to are stamped at San Francisco by private parties, and sold for ornaments. They are not purchaseables here.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.

March 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

You will please furnish this Office, without delay, a schedule of the old materials sold by you and the proceeds $444.75 deposited with the Assistant Treasurer March 9th 1875, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.

March 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing statements of Silver Bullion purchased by you in accordance with the instructions of this Office under date of December 16th 1874, is received. Very respectfully

M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq. March 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I returns herewith your letter of the 19th inst. requesting that a transfer draft be issued for $49.308.55, payable in 122.454.24 fs. silver bullion, which you will please sign and return to this office.

The draft for the transfer will be issued today.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. March 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. advising shipment on that day, by Adams' Express, Co. of your Bullion Accounts, for the fourth quarter 1874, was received on the 17th inst. The box containing the accounts has not yet been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

G. H. Sargrange, Esq. March 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the fourth quarter 1874, are received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 20th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

You are requested to forward without delay the "Sweep Account" omitted from your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 20th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Bullion Accounts for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon March 20th. 1875.
1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Bullion Accounts of James Crawford, Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

The Sweep Account omitted in forwarding the above, will be sent you as soon as received at this office.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — March 20th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, to that of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, of the sum of one hundred and forty-nine Thousand three hundred and eight 55/100 Dollars ($149,308.55) payable in 122.454.24 ozs. fine silver bars, purchased on Government account from 3d to 18th March 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A draft will be issued this day for the transfer from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office New York, to that of the Mint Philadelphia, of the sum of $149.308.55 payable in 122,454,24 oz. silver bullion, which you will when received, cause to be converted into subsidiary coin.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of February, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford — March 22d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your communication of the 12th. inst. enclosing Statements of operations at your Mint for the month of February, has been received.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 22d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 13th. inst. reporting assay of test coins from the Mint at San Francisco, for the months of February, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. — March 22d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your statement of Silver purchased from 15th. to 19th. March 1875, is received.

Very respectfully.
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Telegrams.

Superintendent Mint, San Francisco. — March 23d. 1875.

When do you expect to commence forwarding fine silver to Philadelphia Mint. answer.

H. R. Linderman Director Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 005

Hon. B. H. Bristow March 23rd 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The Vaults at the Philadelphia Mint and Assay Office at New York will hereafter be occupied with Bullion in course of manufacture to an extent which will render it necessary to transfer, say, at the end of another month from one, to two millions of dollars in silver coin to the Treasury of the United States.

During my recent official visit at New York I had some conversation with the Superintendent of the Assay Office, and the U. S. Assist. Treasurer on this subject, and the latter indicated a room, which, by a very moderate expenditure, and with little delay, could be converted into a secure and convenient vault for the storage of silver coin to a large amount.

While in Philadelphia, I learned that there is sufficient space in the U. S. Sub Treasury in that city, for the erection of a vault for the storage of silver coin.

I respectfully recommend that appropriate action for providing additional vault-room, both in New York and Philadelphia, be taken as early as practicable.

I deem it proper to add that the accumulation of any considerable amount of silver coin at the Mint at Philadelphia and Assay office at New York, at a time when these institutions are holding and operating on large quantities of Bullion, would render it well-nigh impossible to fully observe the important regulation which requires all Bullion to be placed in the vaults at the close of each days work, and retained there till the commencement of the next days business.

I have the honor to remain

H. R. Linderman Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. March 23d 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, whose appointments were this day approved, viz:

Coiner's Department

Irene Stairly,	Adjuster.
Lena Emerson	"
Emma J. Taylor	"
Sarah L. Bassett	"
S. D. Keith,	Machinist
J. B. Parker	"

General Department.

J. M. Bothson	Messenger.
Wm Stedeman	Watchman
James M. Welch	Workman
J. S. Horseman	"
M. J. Browne	"
Owen Sheridan	"
Jno. D. McLean	"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. E. DuBois, Esq. March 23d 1875.
Assayer, Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter and enclosure from George Matthey in reference to aluminium.

I also enclose a sheet of aluminium and coins of the same material.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

March 23d 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

My advices from San Francisco show, that one Million Dollars in Doré Silver Bullion was expected to be forwarded on the 18th inst. and should reach you in three or four days.

This bullion was purchased by the Superintendent of the mint at San Francisco, and paid for in gold from the Bullion Fund of that Mint, under the following order of this office.

"Purchase Doré Silver to amount of one Million dollars, on basis of its delivery in New York at rate of one dollar twenty-six and a half cents per ounces for silver contained, and coining value of gold, that is to say, deducting cost of transportation to, and parting charges at New York. Pay approximate value of bullion on its delivery to you, in gold coin from Bullion Fund. Any discrepancies in Assay at New York to be settled by Philadelphia Mint. Will order transfer of this bullion to New York, on purchase being reported by telegraph, and have your Bullion Fund correspondingly increased".

When the Bullion has been received, you will debit your Bullion Fund with the Silver contained, at the rate of 126½ cents per ounce fine, and the gold contained at its coining value. The necessary granulations will be reserved for test assays at the Philadelphia Mint, in case they should be required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

John Hogg, Esq.
Chief Clerk
Navy Department.

March 23d. 1875.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst. calling my attention to the case of your protegé Miss. Hall, for whom you seek an appointment in the Philadelphia Mint.

I have recently returned from a visit to that Institution, and regret to say that I see no chance of employment for her there at present. At the time of my interview with you some weeks since I was expecting some legislation by Congress, establishing a new Mint,- in which event I thought it probable that a transfer could be made, and Miss. Hall appointed;- Congress adjourned however, as you are aware, without taking any definite action in this direction.

There is a heavy force now engaged at the Mint, and I fear a reduction of employés will become necessary.

The appointment of Miss. Hall, at present could only be effected by the discharge of some employé,- a doubtful method of practicing philanthropy.

I am Sir, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

Drexel Morgan & Co.
New York.

March 23d. 1875.

We will accept Two hundred and fifty Thousand (250,000) ounces. Letter by mail.

Chas. F. Conant
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Thos. S. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

March 23. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt per Adams Express Co. of two packages, the one containing Vol. 1. Kelleys Universal Cambist, the other, two magnifying lenses, together with your letter of the 22 inst. enclosing the Bills of James Prentice Esq. (amounting to $7.50) for the same. These Bills have been referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department, and Mr. Prentice will receive draft on the Asst. Treasurer at N. Y. as per request.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Mann & Rhodes
31 State Street, Boston. Mass.

March 23d. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th. inst. requesting a copy of the "new Mint law that was to take effect about February 12th." — and in reply enclose herewith a copy of the Coinage Act of Feb. 12th 1873, which is the only law now governing the Mints, Assay Offices, and coinage of the United States.

If this is not what you wish, and you will signify the same, specifying the precise nature of your wishes, I shall be most happy to comply therewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. E. Winner, Esq.

March 23d, 1875.

Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 20th inst., I send you by to-day's mail a copy of the Regulations governing the transactions at the Mints; in which you will also find a copy of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co.

March 23d, 1875.

New York.

Gentlemen:

Your telegram of yesterday offering to furnish two hundred and fifty thousand ounces of silver at the rate of one hundred and twenty-six and a half cents per ounce fine, was received, and a dispatch sent you accepting the same, which is hereby confirmed.

The Department is prepared to purchase an additional two hundred and fifty thousand ounces, at a rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty-six and a half cents per ounce fine. Please advise me when, and in what form, the silver may be expected, in order that the necessary instructions for its reception at the Assay Office, New York, may be given the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

Chas. F. Conant

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

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Thos. Le. Acton, Esq.

March 23d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the fourth quarter 1874 are received.

The table of dates on which "transcripts of accounts current" should be rendered to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Treasurer of the U. S. does not require the transmission of an A/c current weekly, the same can be rendered monthly as heretofore, but the date thereof should correspond with the last date of each month given in the table.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. Le. Acton, Esq.

March 23d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 22d. inst. - you are hereby authorized to turn over that portion of the furniture in the rooms lately occupied by Clews & Co. belonging to the Government, and which consists of a long and elaborately finished counter, to Mr. Steinmetz, the representative of the Supervising Architect, taking his receipt therefor, and placing the same on the files of your office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

March 23d 1875.

Sir:

Your statement of fine silver bullion purchased during the week ending March 13. 1875. is received.

I will thank you to furnish this office with a Statement showing from whom the silver was purchased, and the Assayers report of the fineness thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco, Calª

March 23d 1875.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized to continue during the time occupied in the equipment of the refinery the use of the horse and vehicle used by the late John M. Eckfeldt, Superintendent of Construction, at an expense not exceeding sixty dollars per month, payment to be made from your contingent funds.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram. James Crawford, Mint Carson, Nev. March 23d 1875.

If practicable make place for William Lynch, whom I spoke of last fall to you, - qualified for clerical duties or assistant in assay dept. answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. James C. Booth — March 23. 1875.

Melter & Refiner

Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith proof sheets of your Report on the condemnation of Ingot Melts.

There are several errors which no doubt escaped your observation in writing the Report, which I will thank you to correct in the proof sheets.

Please return the enclosure as soon as corrected.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Andrew D. Gourlee, Esq. — March 23d. 1875.

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 15th. inst. making application for an appointment in this office. I regret to inform you that I have not been able to find any vacancy to which you could be appointed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 23d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing statements of Bullion Fund, for the week ending March 13. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman — Director.

RG [illegible] Vol 005

Thos. Le. Acton, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
New York.

March 23. 1875.

Sir:

With many thanks for your courtesy in affording me a sight of the counterfeit trade dollar, - enclosed in your letter of the 22d. inst. I return the same, as requested therein.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. John Wiley & Son
No. 15 Astor Place, New York.

March 23d. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Please send to this office a copy of Prof. Dana's Mineralogy, 1874, together with receipted bills, - the amount of which will be forwarded you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. Le. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U.S.
San Francisco. Cal.

March 23. 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"When do you expect to commence forwarding fine silver to Philadelphia Mint, answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. Ex. Rogers

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

March 24th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 20th inst. on the question of placing oil of vitriol chambers for condensing, on the roof of the Mint Edifice at San Francisco, I have to inform you that your suggestion has been submitted to the Supervising Architect for his opinion.

A copy of the reply of that officer, together with sketch explanatory of the same, is herewith transmitted for your information.

I concur with you in the opinion that it is important to place the condensing chambers upon the roof, and not in the narrow space afforded in the attic.

The authorities in the Supervising Architect's office, who were familiar with the plan of the building, think it essential that the tanks should be kept out of sight, and that no greater heights be given them, than actually necessary.

When you have considered the plan submitted, I will thank you to report the result to this office.

Very respectfully.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, Carson, Nevada. March 24th. 1875.

You are hereby authorized to purchase unparted silver to amount of one hundred thousand dollars at rate and on terms contained in my letter of 16th inst. Important that Refinery be run continuously and to full capacity.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nev.

March 24th, 1875.

Sir:

Referring to the fact that your Refinery is partially suspended for want of unparted bullion to be operated upon, I have to remark that it is important, for several reasons, that all of the product of the Comstock Mines should be separated in this country.

In the first place, the gold contained in such bullion should be coined in the United States; and secondly, the silver having been dissolved by acid is better adapted for coinage than bullion refined by furnace treatment.

I had supposed that the demand for trade dollars was sufficient to insure the receipt of Comstock bullion to keep your Refinery fully at work.

Hereafter, and whenever you have reason to suppose that the demand for the trade dollar coinage will be insufficient to insure the necessary deposits of unparted bullion, you will please promptly inform me, in order that authority to purchase such bullion for refining and coinage into subsidiary coin, on account of the United States, may be sent you.

It is our purpose to have your Mint run to its full capacity on subsidiary coinage whenever not employed on gold and trade dollar coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Sanford, Esq. March 24th. 1875.

Genl. Superintendent Adams Express. Co.

New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging your favor of the 18th. inst. in which you accede to certain modifications of proposal of the 10th. inst. for transporting minor coins suggested in my letter of the 16th. inst. I have to state that upon a more thorough consideration of the subject the clause requiring packages of less than $50.- to be paid for as of that amount is deemed objectionable, and you are requested to reconsider the same.

I would prefer that it should be omitted from the contract, although I should have no objection to the incorporation of a proviso that the lowest sum to be transported shall be $20.00 It is of course understood that the larger in nominal value each parcel transported, the more convenient it is to your company, and as many transactions are made in sums of hundreds and thousands of dollars, and without reduction of rates, it would appear to be but fair that there should be no increase of charge on parcels of $20.00. Your early attention is requested, it being desirable that the new rates should become operative April 1st. proximo.

When we shall have come to an agreement on the point herein referred to, I will, in a letter to you, state that the accommodations as to use of room &c. at the Mint, Philadelphia, by your agent or clerk in transacting this business, shall be continued as heretofore, the proposed agreement containing no provision upon the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

March 24th. 1875.

O. H. Laflrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your account of Ordinary Expenditures for the month of February, 1875.

Their attention has been called to an error in the bill of A. F. Bell for "1 Vice - $6.00 currency @ 89¢ = $6.86," should $6.74

The prices paid for stationery as shown by the bills of Messrs. Jos. L. Howells and A. L. Bancroft & Co. Vouchers #366 and #385, seem excessively high.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 24th. 1875.

O. H. Laflrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3d. inst. in which you state that nine hundred and forty tons of Anthracite coal will be required for the use of your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876, I will thank you to inform me what size coal is best suited for your use.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23d. inst. and the accompanying twelve (12) photographs of the "Metis shipwreck medal".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — March 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward for the cabinet of this office, two bronze assay medals of 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — March 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day.

"You are hereby authorized to purchase unparted silver to amount of one hundred thousand dollars at rate and on terms contained in my letter of 16th inst. Important that Refinery be run continuously and to full capacity."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. S. W. Williams — March 24th. 1875.

Secretary of Legation
Peking, China.

Dear Sir:

In acknowledging receipt of your favor of 26th of September last, enclosing two Bills of the Peking Banks, and also a description of the various Commercial and local Taels in use in China, permit me to thank you for the interest you have taken in furnishing me with information, which is both useful and instructive, and of great importance in our commercial and monetary transactions with that Empire.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, — March 24th. 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. for the month of February, 1875.

Your attention is called to an error of 12 cents in the bill of A. J. Bell, for 1 vice-petty bills.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. J. J. Schirmer — March 25th. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Letter of acting Secretary of the Treasury mailed on Sixteenth instant.

H. R. Linderman, Director mint.

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Thos. L. Ackton, Esq. March 25th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In order that you may make the necessary preparations for receiving the same I have to inform you that 275.000 ounces of silver, supposed to be in the form of fine bars, will, it is expected, be delivered April 5th, to you by Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co. as per their sale to the Secretary of the Treasury. This bullion will be paid for in gold coin from your "Bullion Fund," and afterward sent to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage. When it shall have been received and paid for, you will promptly advise this Office, giving the necessary particulars as to weight, fineness and value, in order that a draft may be issued for the transfer of the same to the Mint.

A copy of the letter of the Secretary of the 23d. inst. covering the purchase above referred to is transmitted herewith and by the terms of which you will be governed in settling for the bullion.

A fair stock of silver bullion having now been procured, no further orders for purchase of fine silver in your City will for the present be given, the order heretofore given you however, will continue in force.

An order in the hands of Messrs. August Belmont & Co. for 1.000.000. ozs., will expire by limitation tomorrow, and that in the hands of Messrs. Drexel Morgan & Co. covers only 225,000. ozs. more.

During my recent visit to the Assay Office, I explained to you fully the importance of obtaining the necessary supplies of silver from domestic bullion parted in this Country, and it

is hoped that hereafter the necessary supplies can be obtained from the source indicated, especially after you shall have made the contemplated extension of your refining capacity

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. Lafayrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

March 25th 1875.

Sir:

Please make requisition for such number of Twenty-Cent dies as you will probably require for balance of year 1875, and any implements, (which cannot be made in your Mint) necessary for the coinage of the piece referred to.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson.

Messrs. John Wiley & Son,

15 Astor Place, New York.

March 25th 1875.

Gentlemen:

The copy of "Dana's Mineralogy" forwarded by you to this office, has been received, and your account for the same has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mints
Carson City, Nev.

March 25th 1873.

Sir:

I return herewith Voucher No. 67 of your Ordinary Expense account for February, together with the "Abstract of Warrants paid for Contingent Expenses" and Account Current.

You will perceive that the bill of McMahon & Sackett for labor, bears date of July 12th 1873, and consequently cannot be included in your accounts for the present fiscal year.

This bill should be paid from your Contingent Appropriation for last year, and taken up in your supplemental account for that year.

You will please correct the Abstract of Warrants and Account Current in this respect, and return the same to this Office at your earliest possible convenience.

In examining your payrolls for the month of February, I find that the names of J. A. Burlingame, Melter, and Charles Wilson, Helper, appear in the General Department.

You are requested to inform this Office of any transfers from one to another operative department, at the time they are made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Saidlaw & Co.

March 25th 1873.

33 Pine Street, New York.

Write you to-day upon the subject.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mints.

Hon. James Pollock

March 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

You will no doubt commence to receive, in about eight days, fine silver bars, transferred from San Francisco, at the rate of 100.000. ozs. per day for five successive days, or a total of 500.000. ounces.

On or about the 5th of April, 275.000. ounces supposed to be fine silver bars will be received at New York, and transmitted to you for coining on account of the U. S., and soon thereafter, further supplies may be expected on account of purchases already engaged.

I have to request that you will coin half and quarter dollars and dimes to your full capacity in such proportions as will best suit the arrangement of the Coining Machinery and economy in expenditures.

In view of the necessity of manufacturing a large amount of silver coins for several months to come, you will arrange your working force accordingly, and enforce a due attention to duty on the part of all connected with the Mint during the prescribed hours of business.

While executing the necessary Gold and Trade Dollar Coinage, Minor Coins will be manufactured only to the extent necessary to meet demands therefor in excess of redeemed pieces reissuable under the law and regulations.

If the force ordinarily assigned to the preparation of the gold, trade dollar, and minor coinage be in excess of the requirements of the public service and cannot be employed on the silver coinage, the necessary reduction will have to be made.

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We shall hope and expect a large amount of Subsidiary Silver coins to be executed monthly commencing with April.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson City, Nev.

March 25th, 1875.

Sir:

Your Commission as Superintendent of the Mint at Carson Nevada, issued after the confirmation of your nomination by the Senate remains in my hands and cannot be transmitted you until the receipt from you of a Bond executed according to law.

A blank form of bond was mailed to you on the 5th of January, and another on the 2d. ult. and in both instances you were requested to return the bonds duly executed at your earliest convenience; nothing further on the subject has been heard from you, and in the meantime, the Senate having adjourned, the commission issued before the meeting of the Senate has expired. By its express terms, it continued in force only until the end of the session of the Senate March 4th. 1875.

You will see the necessity of executing and forwarding immediately a Bond, in the sum of either fifty or one hundred thousand dollars, on the receipt and approval of the same, your commission will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director

Telegram. James Crawford, March 25th. 1875.

Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Please execute and forward immediately Official Bond, in order that your Commission under Senate confirmation may be sent you. Important that you attend to the matter immediately if you have not already done so.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

James Crawford, Esq. March 25th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words was sent you this day:

"Please execute and forward immediately Official Bond in order that your commission under Senate confirmation may be sent you. Important that you attend to the matter immediately if you have not already done so."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow March 25. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States in favor of Rossiter W. Raymond, U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics, for the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars ($2.500.) payable from the appropriation "For Collection of mining and Mineral Statistics," for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

March 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward Statements showing the amount of subsidiary silver coin issued at your Mint in payment for silver contained in gold Deposits, and also the amount exchanged for gold coins at par, for the months of August, September, October, November and December 1874, January and February 1875.

A similar statement will be rendered at the close of each month hereafter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

R. W. Raymond, Esq.

March 25th 1875.

U. S. Commissioner of Mining Statistics.
#27 Park Place, N.Y.

Sir:

In response to your communication of the 6th inst. I have to inform you that I have this day by letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, requested that Officer to cause a Warrant on the Treasurer of the U.S. to be issued in your favor, for the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500.).

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 25th. 1875.

Hon. James Crawford
Supt. Mint. Carson.

Sir:

This will be presented to you by Mr. William M. Lynch, who is to be employed at your Mint per your telegram of 23d. inst. He pays his own expenses out. Such compensation as you may deem proper to allow him will commence from 1st. proxo.

If you have employment for him in the Assay department, I think he has qualifications which will soon render him a valuable man for you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 25th. 1875.

Galvin J. Bowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, &c.
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d. inst. in which you make certain queries relative to the disposition of the Public Property belonging to the U. S. at Charlotte N.C. after June 30th. proxo.

Full instructions will be sent to you early in June, relative to these matters, - as also relative to the covering into the Treasury any moneys that may then be in your hands.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Saidlaw & Co. March 25th 1873.

33 Pine Street. N.Y.

Gentlemen.

We are prepared to consider an offer for the sale and delivery at the Mint in Philadelphia, of, say, 300.000 ounces troy, of Doré or unparted comstock silver, on the basis of payment for the silver contained at a rate to be agreed upon, and for the gold contained at its coining value. Payment to be made in gold coin as soon as the value of the bullion is determined by the Mint assay, say, within two days after the delivery of the bullion.

The parting charges at Philadelphia Mint being one cent per ounce higher than at New York, we expect your offer to be at the lowest market rate, and that in fixing your price you will give due weight to the fact that payment will be made thirty days before the bullion can be separated.

While we prefer to purchase the bullion at the Philadelphia Mint, we might be willing to accept it at the Carson Mint, provided the terms would make it more to the advantage of the United States to take it there instead of Philadelphia.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint.

Nathaniel Niles, Esq. March 25th. 1875.

#16 Wall St. New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d. inst. requesting the return to the Hon. Wm. W. Phelps, of an application of Mr. James A. Marsh, for an appointment in the Mint has been received.

I would state in reply that a diligent search has been made of the files in this office, and the papers to which you refer cannot be found.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. March 25th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am advised by Telegram that the last shipment of the Doré silver recently purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint San Francisco, on Government account, and to be refined by the Assay Office New York, was made on the 24th. inst. and should reach you in the course of the next ten days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 25th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am advised by Telegram that a portion of five hundred thousand (500.000.) ounces fine Silver recently directed by this Office to be transferred from the Mint at San Francisco to the Mint Philadelphia for conversion into Subsidiary silver coin, will be shipped to day by Express, and should reach you in the course of the next ten days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow — March 25th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge reference to this Office of a communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting copy of dispatch No. 71, of the United States Consul General at Berlin, and copy (Translated) of a Decree of the Emperor of Germany, designating the larger gold coins of that Empire.

The enclosures are herewith returned as requested.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 26th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. requesting information relative to a Quarterly Return of furniture and fixtures required by the Supervising Architect, I have to say that there is but the one Return to be forwarded, which should embrace all furniture and fixtures in the building under your control.

I enclose for your information a rough copy of an inventory of furniture and fixtures of your office taken May 25th 1873, from which it will be seen what is necessary to enumerate.

Any loss or gains to the different items in this list, should be accounted for in the column of remarks.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

March 26th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. enclosing account current of your Bullion Fund, and draft for transfer of $149.30 8. 55/100, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Sanford, Esq. March 26th 1875.
Genl. Supt. Adams Express Company
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday on the subject of the transportation of Minor Coins, in which you agree to the suggestion contained in my letter of the 24th inst. that no package of such coins is to be estimated as containing less that twenty ($20.) dollars.

This modification of your proposition for transporting the minor coins, having been agreed upon, I am now prepared to recommend its approval by the Secretary of the Treasury, and its incorporation as an addenda to your contract with the Treasury Department, and if yourself, or any one authorized to sign for your company, will call at the Department the matter will be immediately disposed of.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. Guilford, Esq. March 26th 1875.
Genl. Freight Agent,
B. & O. R. R. Co, Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 24th inst. I enclose herewith original bill for freight on 15 casks copper, shipped per Bill Lading of your company, from New York to Sacramento July 3d 1874 and for which claim has been made for rebate on account of overcharges.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

March 26th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Official Oath of J. H. Rance, Workman in the Genl. Department of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 27th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"Telegraph Statement at close of business, thirty-first instant, of coinage for the month, amount of subsidiary silver coin on hand, and approximate amount of silver bullion available for latter coinage."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco. March 27th 1875.

Telegraph Statement at close of business, thirty first instant, of coinage for the month, amount of subsidiary silver coins on hand, and approximate amount of silver bullion available for latter coinage.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram to

Superintendent, U. S. Mint
Carson, Nevada.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow March 27th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Application having been made by this Office in January last for a copy of the papers covering the terms under which the minor or token coins were transported by the Adams Express Co. from the Mint at Philadelphia to points in the several States of the Union, it appeared that such coins were transported under a verbal agreement made in 1866, between the agent of the above company, the Director of the Mint and Secretary of the Treasury, and which covered the following rates of charge.

"From the Mint at Philadelphia to Pittsburg and west as far as Omaha, and all points South of Washington - 3 per cent or $3.00 per hundred. To all other points, 2½ per cent or $2.50 per hundred."

This business has since been a subject of correspondence between this Office, the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, and the General Agent of the Adams' Express Company, and has resulted in the final submission on the part of the latter, of the following proposition for the transportation of minor coins.

"To points in Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia — — — 1½ per cent.

"To points in Maine, New Hampshire Vermont, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan — — — — 2½ per cent.

"To points in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Florida 3½ per cent.

To points in Texas, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska and Nevada ——— 4½ per cent.

Packages of coin containing less than $20. to be estimated and charged for as containing $20."

"This proposition is submitted with the understanding that it may be modified at any time in the future, in case it should prove unsatisfactory, either to the Government or the Express Companies, and is only to apply to the transportation of said coins to places on the lines of Railroad directly accessible by the lines of some Express Company."

It will be observed from the foregoing, that the rates of charge make a proper distinction as to distances, are more favorable to the Government than those heretofore paid, and appearing to be reasonable and just, I recommend their acceptance and incorporation as an addenda to the existing contract of the Department with the Adams Express Company, for the transportation of securities, moneys &c.

If the proposition is accepted by the Department, it is desirable that the new rates should take effect on the 1st. proximo.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, San Francisco. March 27th. 1875.

I write you today respecting Booth and Company's disputed claim, and suggesting that Prof. Rogers give you the benefit of his aid in arriving at a conclusion, and preparing report to the Secretary - Rogers will start first of May.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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March 27th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you this date, is hereby made official.

"The charge for the coinage of the Trade Dollar at the Mints of the United States is hereby increased from the half of one per cent to one per cent on the nominal value, to take effect on and after the 29th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

March 27th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The charge for the coinage of the Trade Dollar at the Mints of the United States is hereby increased from the half of one per cent to one per cent on the nominal value, to take effect on and after the 29th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thomas L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Mr. Chas. J. Starck
#611 North 7th. St.
Philadelphia.

March 27th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt by Adams' Express, of the two (2) photographs of designs for Life Saving Medal of second class, and to request that you will forward six additional copies of the same.

The item of cost of these photographs will be taken up in your account for expenses incurred in getting out the models.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint
U. S. San Francisco.

March 27th. 1875.

The charge for the coinage of Trade Dollars at the Mints is hereby increased from the half of one per cent to one per cent on the nominal value, to take effect on and after the twenty-ninth instant.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Superintendent Mint
U. S. Carson, Nevada.

Prof. R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St. Philadelphia.

March 27th. 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of the 25th. inst. the enclosed sketch of the back portion of the Mint building, and which is over the Refinery, has been prepared in the Office of the Supervising Architect.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you, at the close of business on the 31st inst. to send a statement showing the amount of coinage executed during the month, the amount of subsidiary silver coins on hand, and approximately, the amount of silver bullion available for the latter coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq. — March 27th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I will thank you, at the close of business on the 31st inst. to send a statement showing the amount of subsidiary silver coins on hand, and approximately, the amount of silver bullion available for such coinages.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

C. H. Lalgrange, Esq. — March 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

The following Telegram sent you this day is hereby made official: "I write you today respecting Booth and Company's disputed claim, and suggesting that Prof. Rogers give you the benefit of his aid in arriving at a conclusion and preparing report to the Secretary. - Rogers will start first of May."

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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March 27th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letters of the 10th and 12th instants, covering a communication of Messrs. Hy. J. Booth & Co. under date of March 10th 1875, proposing arbitration of the matters in dispute, as to the amount due them for putting up and placing machinery &c. in New Mint, San Francisco, I have to state that the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury of the 8th inst. leaves no discretion as to the course to be pursued by the Surviving Commissioners.

In the letter referred to we are instructed to make to the Secretary a report upon the subject, and give our opinion as to the amount properly payable; it will therefore be necessary for us to submit the required report and opinion.

I must necessarily rely to a great extent upon you for such data as is necessary to an intelligent understanding of the points in dispute, and I am quite willing that you shall take any steps which you may deem necessary to enable you to come to a just conclusion, and if you think it necessary to better inform yourself upon the subject before preparing the draft of a report to the Secretary, I am quite willing that action may be deferred until the arrival in San Francisco of Prof. Rogers of Philadelphia, and that his services may be availed of by you to arrive at a just conclusion. He is expected to leave for San Francisco, the first week in May.

He is not only an eminent man in Science and Mechanism, but possesses a sound and matured judgment, and is frequently consulted in reference to such matters by incorporated

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Companies and private parties in and about the City of Philadelphia.

I make the above suggestions in order that we may be fully advised on the disputed points before preparing our report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

March 27th 1875.

Sir:

Owing to the fact that none of the officers or clerks of the Mints on the Pacific Coast have ever been employed in the Treasury Department, there is not that familiarity with the mode of conducting correspondence and keeping accounts which prevails here, that is desirable.

In order that this defect may be remedied and without causing any inconvenience or confusion I have concluded to assign Mr. Henry C. Johannes for duty on your coast, with headquarters in your Mint, at a compensation of seven dollars ($7.) per working day, to be paid for the present out of your appropriation for Wages of Workmen, under the head of "special employé."

Mr. Johannes will be subject to the regulations, and under your control, except when required for special services by the Director, of which you will be duly notified. He was for several years, prior to the organization of this Bureau, connected with the Treasury Department, and having been with me since March 1873, he is familiar with the requirements of the Office and general arrange-

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ment of instructions and correspondence.

I deem it important that so far as it may be practicable, the mode of conducting correspondence, recording and filing the same, keeping time of clerks and workmen, should conform to the usages of this office.

Mr. Johannes' familiarity on the subject of drawing on the appropriations, taking vouchers, and rendering accounts, will I trust be of service to you.

If Mr. Johannes shall meet my expectations, and his services prove to be of the value expected, I will have provision made for his salary in the next appropriation bill.

To leave no room for misunderstanding I deem it proper to add that the purpose in sending out Mr. Johannes, is to promote the efficiency of the service entrusted to our care.

Whenever Mr. Johannes shall visit Carson under the instructions of this office, you will furnish him with a copy of this communication, it being intended to cover his duties at the Mint in that city, as well as the Mint at San Francisco.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. J. Cohen, Esq.

March 29th 1875.

115 Nth. Charles St. Baltimore, Md.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22d. inst. I send herewith an Assay Medal for 1875, the price of which, one dollar, you will please remit to me.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint, March 29th 1875.
San Francisco.

What amount was deducted by you for transportation and parting charges respectively on Doré Silver shipped Assay Office New York. answer by telegraph.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

C. H. Lafrange, Esq. March 29th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oaths of office of the following persons, whose appointments in your mint were this day approved, viz:

E. D. Morrell ——— Workman
Mrs. Nettie Bugbey ——— Adjuster.
Mrs. E. M. Palmer ——— "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Genl. C. H. Lafrange March 27th 1875.
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of 18th inst. enclosing Wells, Fargo & Co's receipt & invoice for sixty six bars silver bullion. I am advised by the Superintendent of the Assay Office N. Y. of the receipt of said lot of bullion, also of another lot of 64 bars, and without invoice or advice.

The Express Company have presented bill of freight $3,000.24 settlement of which has to be deferred until we shall be informed by you of the amount deducted by you for freight and refining respectively.

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In transactions of this character particular pains should always be taken to give all necessary information, in order that the business may be correctly and promptly transacted, and in this connection I may mention that the receipt does not state in what money, Gold Silver or paper, the Bill is payable in.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 27th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter enclosing modified form of Medal circular, which you propose to issue.

The Circular is approved, with the suggestion that a slight modification might be made in the paragraph relating to the "present state of our coinage," as follows:

5 "The coins of the United States are,

Gold	Silver.	Copper Nickel.
Double Eagle	Trade Dollar	Five Cents
Eagle	Half Dollar	Three cents.
Half Eagle	Quarter Dollar	
Three Dollar	Twenty Cents	Bronze
Quarter Eagle	Dimes	one cent.
Dollar		

The coinage of the Silver Dollar of 412½ grains, the Five and Three cent silver piece, and Bronze two cent piece, was discontinued under the Coinage Act of 1873, which went into effect on the 1st of April of that year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Thos. C. Acton — March 29th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday advising receipt of two shipments of Doré Silver from San Francisco Mint, I enclose herewith Invoice dated March 18th 1875, covering sixty-six bars (66) These Invoices will be forwarded to you as fast as they are received.

Respecting the claim presented by the Express Company I have to inform you that the Supt. at San Francisco, was telegraphed to-day for a statement of the amount deducted by him for transportation and refining respectively on the entire lot. His reply may be expected tomorrow & when received will be transmitted to you.

Settlement of the Express Company's claim will have to be deferred until a reply to my dispatch of this date is received, when instructions will be sent you to pay it from your Bullion Fund in silver coins (subsidiary) & which amount will be subsequently reimbursed by a transfer either from San Francisco or Philadelphia Mint. If the Express Company demand payment in Gold coin you will refer the question to this office. Our understanding is that payment for transporting silver bullion & silver coin is to be made in subsidiary silver coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint

March 29th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your telegram of this date requesting that twelve Obverse Double Eagle & twelve Reverse Double Eagle, and Six Reverse Twenty cent coin, and Six obverse Twenty cent Coin Dies be sent you, is received.

The Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia has been instructed to forward the Double Eagle Dies immediately, and as soon as the designs for the twenty cent coin is selected, the Dies will be transmitted you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

March 29th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

I transmit herewith an assignment made by H. L. Johannes to E. C. Leech for the sum of one hundred and ninety ($190.) dollars. This amount was advanced by Mr. Leech to Mr. Johannes, for his traveling expenses from Washington to San Francisco, and I have to request that when he presents his bill for payment that you will retain and remit the amount to Mr. Leech, and in case his bill for traveling expenses should not amount to the sum above mentioned, you will retain the balance out of his compensation for the month of April.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — March 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward immediately to the Superintendent of the Mint San Francisco, the following Dies, viz:

Twelve obverse Double Eagle.

Twelve Reverse Double Eagle.

And as soon as the design shall have been selected and approved:

Six obverse Twenty cent Coin

Six reverse Twenty cent Coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. Robert E. Rogers — March 29th 1875.

1004 Walnut St. Philada.

Dear Sir:

When you shall have everything in readiness for Mr. Hetrich's return to California, I will thank you to so inform me, as I would like to come over and spend a day with you, if I can conveniently leave my post.

It is highly important that the Refinery should be equipped and in readiness for operations as early as possible.

Very respectfully & truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

Superintendent Assay Office, N. Y. — March 29, 1875.

I mail you today Invoice California Silver. — Will write in regard to payment of freight.

H. R. Linderman, Director Mint.

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O. H. Labrange, Esq. March 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words is hereby made official:

"What amount was deducted by you for transportation and parting charged respectively on Doré Silver shipped Assay Office, New York. Answer by Telegraph".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. March 29th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

You are informed that William M. Lynch, who is to be connected with your Mint from and after the 1st. proximo, has filed in this office, his oath of office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas E. Acton, Esq. March 29th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"I mail you today invoice California Silver - will write in regard to payment of freight."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Messrs. Gilmore, Dunlap, & Co. March 30th 1875.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of the 26th inst. making certain inquiries relative to the Coinage, I have to say:

1st. The Coinage Act of 1873, which took effect on the 1st of April of that year, fixed the weight of the Trade Dollar at 420 grains, 900 fine, or 378 grains of pure silver.

2nd. The same Act increased the weight of the Half Dollar from 192 to 192 9/10 grains, 900 fine, or from 172 8/10 to 173 61/100 grains pure silver.

3d. All Gold and Silver Coins of the United States are 900 or 9/10ths fine.

4th. The difference in value between the "Dollar coined since 1837" and the Trade Dollar, is, in fine Silver, 6 3/4 grains. The weight of the Silver Dollar coined prior to the Coinage Act of 1873, was 412 1/2 grains standard, or 371 25/100 grains pure silver.

5th. We are paying at the Mint in Philadelphia, 126 cents gold, per ounce fine, for silver bullion, or 113 4/10 cents per standard ounce. Returns are made within two days after the receipt of the bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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J. Pierpont Morgan Esq.

March 30th 1875.

Drexel, Morgan & Co.
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your favr of yesterday, stating that you had been informed at the Assay Office, New York, that the Silver to be delivered would have to be 1000 fine, has been received.

There is evidently some misunderstanding on the subject, as the delivery may be made either in the form of commercial fine bars, or foreign coins of standard equal to or above that of the United States (900 thousandths) and the Silver contained, ascertained by U. S. Assay, and the value computed at the purchasing rate, 126½ cents per ounce fine.

From your dispatch of this date, I infer that the Silver is in foreign coin or bars, 9/10ths fine, and the alloy, copper, corresponding with U. S. Silver Coin standard.

Silver is quoted in London, per ounce British Standard, .925 fine. If the price be 57 pence per ounce, for bullion of that fineness, the price for silver .900 fine, is 55 17/37 pence, or 112 4/10 cents per standard ounce.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary.

Superintendent Mint

March 30th 1875.

San Francisco.

Two millions, one hundred and ninety-nine thousand six hundred and ninety two dollars Thirty seven cents. ($2.199.692.37)

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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March 30th 1875.

H. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of Treasury Dept. Circular relative to "Briefing Letters" and have to request that you will comply therewith in your official correspondence with this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Thomas G. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

March 30th 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing account for one proof set of subsidiary silver coins forwarded by you for the Cabinet of this Office, you are hereby authorized and directed to debit the amount 85¢ in your medal account citing this as your authority for so doing.

This course is adopted to avoid the necessity of having an account stated and draft issued for so small an amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Drexel, Morgan & Co. March 30th 1875.

New York.

Is your silver in commercial fine bars or foreign coin. answer.

B. H. Bristow.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. March 30th 1875.

Philad'a.

When may specimen twenty cent pieces be expected.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr March 31st 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th inst. enclosing in duplicate your account and Bill Lading for Two Pair Steel Rolls shipped by you to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount.

When will the Centre piece for the "Assay" and the Cannisters ordered sometime since be shipped.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Action, Esq.

March 31st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information copies of the following documents from the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

1st. Telegram dated yesterday, in answer to inquiry from this Office, as to what deduction, if any, had been made from the gross value of Doré Silver, on account of parting charges and Expressage.

2d. Letter of 22d. inst. covering Express receipt and invoice of Silver, dated 19th. inst.

3d. Letter of same date, covering Express receipt and invoice of silver, dated 20th. inst.

The original Express receipts and invoices will be retained here for the present.

It will be seen from these papers, that the total value of the bullion is expected to exceed the amount paid for it at the San Francisco Mint, to the extent of the parting charge, Expressage, and probable discrepancies in assay.

The Superintendent's letter, due here tomorrow, will no doubt contain the detailed information necessary to determine the course to be pursued in minting the bullion.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco, Cal.

March 31st, 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a letter from the Hon. James G. Blaine, and endorsed by Senator Sargent, referred to this office by the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending Mrs. Gen. W. Trueheart for employment in your Mint.

I especially invite your attention to the Secretary's request, and hope that you will be able to find employment in some suitable position in your Mint for this worthy woman and wife of a man who owes the destruction of his health and vigor to his devotion to the country in the time of war and danger.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

March 31st, 1875.

Sir:

Messrs. Morgan and Orr of Philadelphia, have presented to this Office their bill amounting to two thousand dollars ($2,000) for two Pair Cast Steel Rolls, shipped you on the 29th inst. and I have approved and referred the same to the proper accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 31st. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, enclosing the Report of Mr. DuBois, in relation to condemned Melts of Gold and Silver Ingots.

The Report is a very valuable contribution on a subject of great interest and some obscurity, and by a patient investigation I trust we shall arrive at a correct conclusion. In any event, correspondence will show that we have earnestly endeavored to rightfully understand the matter, and direct our operations accordingly

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

March 31st. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith check for one Dollar, made payable to your order, which you will please credit to your medal account, as payment for one assay Medal of 1875, sent by me to Mr. M. J. Cohen, of Baltimore.

The other Medal has been retained in the Cabinet of this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. Jas. C. Booth,
Melter & Refiner
Mint, U. S. Philad.a

March 31st. 1875.

Sir:

I enclosed herewith revised proof of your Report on the Segregation in alloys for coinage.

The printer informs me that the expense would be too great to embrace the charts in the tables in proper shape, and they have been stricken out.

Please return the proof as soon as corrected.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers,
1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia.

March 31st. 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday relative to placing the condensing chambers on the roof of the Refinery at San Francisco.

With a view to availing ourselves of the services of persons in the Supervising Architect's office, familiar with the San Francisco Mint building, I will be glad to have you and Mr. Hetrich come here at the time stated by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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George Wilson, Esq. March 31st. 1875.
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.
New York.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday, asking for certain Statements of Mint operations for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874, I send herewith copy of my Report for that year, with pages marked, giving the information asked for.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. He. LaGrange, Esq March 31st. 1875.
Superintendent &c.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to inform you that Mr. H. C. Johannes has this day filed his oath of Office as special employé in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. He. LaGrange Esq. March 31st. 1875.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your attention is called to the letters addressed you by this Office under date of December 9th. & 26th, 1874, to which no replies have been received from you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. A. J. Drexel, Phila.
(34 S. 3d. st)

March 31st. 1875.

No difficulty need be apprehended. Matter is receiving my personal attention. Assay office ruling applies to basis of computation and not standard of bullion.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers,

Mch. 31st. 1875.

1004. Walnut st. Philadelphia.

There appearing to be doubts as to supporting the roof you and Uhrich come here for consultation as soon as convenient.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent

Mch. 31st. 1875.

Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Expressage on Doré Silver will be paid in New York on finals delivery of same. Was your agreement to pay expressage in subsidiary Silver coin as in former cases?

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

April 1st. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 31st. ultimo, enclosing a/c current of your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas L. Action, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

April 1st 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday stating that you were in receipt of the last two instalments of Doré Silver from San Francisco, viz all 322 bars.

As the telegram from Superintendent La Grange stated the total number of bars shipped at 341, there must be an error somewhere. A copy of the dispatch referred to was mailed to you yesterday.

I can well understand your anxiety for the receipt of a detailed statement; The same appears to have been mailed on the 24th. ultimo. and should have been here this morning

The purchase was based on the "Silver contained" in the bullion. The usual rule governing the assay of such bullion will be employed to determine the Silver contained in this case, but if discrepancies in assay can be properly adjusted by computing on the basis of 999 M. you are authorized to do so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt.

April 1st, 1875.

Assay Office, N. Y.

Pay expressage on Doré Silver in Subsidiary Silver coin.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram

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Hon. James Pollock

April 1st 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo. you are informed that the bills of the Adams' Express Company for the transportation of minor coins will be paid at the old rate, the contract fixing new rates not having as yet been concluded, when it is, you will be duly advised thereof.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 1st 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of April 1875, has been approved, for the sum of $29.000.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$4.000.
Wages	1875	20.000.
Contingent	1875	5.000.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

April 1st 1875.

Mint, San Francisco. Cal.

What are the total liabilities, construction and machinery respectively? answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 1st, 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed please find forty cents in silver coin, in payment for the four specimen twenty cent pieces received with your letter of the 31st ult.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

April 1st, 1875.

What amount did you pay on account of purchase Doré silver. Your letter of 24th ult. not received.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, Philad'a, Pa.

April 2nd, 1875.

Sir:

Any order or authorization heretofore given you for the purchase of Silver bullion at any rate above 125 cents per ounce fine, is hereby modified so as to authorize only a rate or price not exceeding 125 cents per ounce fine, to be paid on and after Monday 5th inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 2d. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Nevada, to the Treasurer of the United States;- the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 2d. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York to that of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia, of the sum of one hundred and seventy four thousand eight hundred and eighty seven 51/100 dollars ($174,887.51) payable in 141.883.65 ozs. fine silver bars, purchased on Government account from March 19th. ~~to~~ 31st. inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq. April 2d. 1875.

Supt. Assay Office, N.Y.

Sir:

The order in your hands for the purchase of silver bullion is hereby modified so that the rate or price paid will hereafter be 125 cents per ounce fine, instead of 126 cents, to take effect on and after Monday 5th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. April 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 1st. instant, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the transfer from your Bullion Fund to that of the Mint Philadelphia of the sum of $174.887.51 payable in 141.883.65 ozs. silver bullion, purchased by you on Government account from March 19th. to 31st. inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. April 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

The following telegram from the Supt. of the Mint, San Francisco, was received today, in answer to a dispatch from this Office.

"One million paid on Doré purchase."

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 2d. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

The following telegram sent this date, is hereby made official:

"You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces Doré silver at one hundred and twenty-five cents per ounce for silver contained. Seller to pay charges as stated in your letter of twenty fifth ultimo. Order good for two days. The rate is a fraction above the London price."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent April 2d. 1875.
Mint Carson, Nevada.

You are authorized to purchase one hundred thousand ounces Doré Silver at one hundred and twenty five cents per ounce for Silver contained. Seller to pay charges as stated in your letter of twenty fifth ultimo. Order good for two days. The rate is a fraction above the London price.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 2d. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Israel Brandon, as Watchman in your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — April 2d. 1875.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Assay Office New York to that of your Mint, of the sum of $174.887.51, the same to be paid in 141.883.65 ozs. silver bullion.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 2d. 1875.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

The proposition contained in your letter of yesterday, to increase the price of the regular proof set of silver from $3.00 to $3.25 in silver, is hereby approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 2d. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day received the official oath of Mrs. E. R. Slater, Sweeper in your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 2d. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23d. ult. enclosing statement exhibiting denomination and amount of subsidiary silver coin in the Bullion Fund of your Mint, March 20. 1875; is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 2d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City.

Sir:

I have this day received your Official Bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Bluford Wilson, Esq. April 2d. 1875.

Solicitor, U. S. Treasury.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for examination and certification the Official Bond of James Crawford, Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia.

April 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 2d. inst. enclosing a copy of a communication from Mr. W. W. Alter, relative to the purchase of coal for the use of your institution, and stating the reasons for the advance in price of 50 per ton.

You are hereby authorized to purchase such quantities of coal from time to time as may be necessary at the price asked ($7.50 per ton) to be continued only till there is a decline in the Market.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

April 3d. 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expense for the month of March 1875 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Danl. W. Wise, Esq.
Monroe's, Grant Co. West. Va.

April 3d. 1875.

Sir:

The small box of samples ores sent by you to this office has been referred to the Mint at Philadelphia for examination.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director

James Crawford. Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

April 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of One hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States.

It is understood that this coin will be ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury to be sent to Boston, and that transportation charges will be paid by you from your "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

April 3d. 1875.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"If price stated in your dispatch of yesterday is the lowest at which you can purchase, buy one hundred thousand ounces, but I consider it high rate compared with New York and London.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Q. M. Lasgranger, Esq.

April 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby made official:

"Your dispatch of first instant states total "unpaid liabilities construction and machinery "at Forty Thousand Dollars round numbers. are "there any paid vouchers held or in transit "and to be deducted from balances standing "here to credit of appropriation. Important "to know immediately what available balance "can be depended on in order to determine "scale of Refinery. Everything except that point "is in readiness for proceeding with the work. "answer."

Very respectfully
M. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt.

April 3d. 1875.

Mint. San Francisco.

Your dispatch of first instant. states total unpaid liabilities construction and machinery at Forty Thousand Dollars round numbers. Are there any paid vouchers held or in transit and to be deducted from balance standing here to credit of appropriation. Important to know immediately what available balance can be depended on in order to determine scale of Refinery. Everything except that point is in readiness for proceeding with the work. Answer.

M. R. Linderman
Director.

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Robert E. Rogers, Esq. April 3d. 1875.

Prof. of Chemistry
University of Penna.

Dear Sir:

As you are familiar from a thorough examination with the existing facilities for parting the precious metals in San Francisco, and the urgent necessity for immediately increasing the same, I respectfully request your opinion of the general plan set forth in the Memorandum enclosed herewith, and which I prepared after an exhaustive examination of the question in all its bearings.

Very truly
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 3d. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In order to procure Silver Bullion to enable the Mint at Carson, Nevada to manufacture Subsidiary Silver Coin to its full capacity, I have to respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of the same be increased by the transfer thereto of one hundred thousand dollars in gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Supt. Mint. Carson, Nevada. April 3d. 1875.

If prices stated in your dispatch of yesterday is the lowest at which you can purchase buy one hundred thousand ounces, but I consider it high rate compared with New York and London.

H. R. Linderman Director.

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April 3d. 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have your letters of the 22d. ult. submitting the nominations of Julia A. Danks, and M. A. Cummings as Adjusters in the Coiner's Dept.

Action on these nominations is deferred until the grounds of appointment are stated as required by the fourth section of the Coinage Act.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

April 5th. 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

On the third day of March 1875, you reported to this Office by telegram, that you had purchased fine Silver to the amount of three hundred thousand from Garnett, and five hundred thousand from Flood; No detailed statement of the latter purchase has been received. I will thank you to transmit the same at an early day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

April 5th. 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. ult. enclosing memorandum of 341 bars Doré bullion shipped by you per Wells, Fargo & Co's Express to the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office New York, was received this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

April 5th. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 27th. ult. in which you request a ruling on the point raised by the Melter & Refiner, as to receiving certain bullion without the deduction of one ounce in every two thousand deposited, as in the case of deposits for trade dollars, I have to inform you that the bullion in question having been a special purchase on account of the United States must be exempted from the regulation authorizing deductions in favor of the M. & R. to be made.

It will, however, be but fair that the Melter & Refiner should receive the benefit of the residuum fluxes and deposit melting sweeps, resulting from the melting of this lot of bullion, and you are hereby authorized to estimate as fairly as possible the value of the residuum fluxes and deposit melt sweeps appertaining to the lot of bullion referred to, with the understanding that at the next annual settlement the same shall be credited to his account, provided it be necessary to bring the actual silver wastage of that officer within the legal limit - subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint.

It is of course understood that you pay for the gold and silver contained in the bullion as determined by your Mint assay after deposit melt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

April 5th, 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
N. Y.

Sir:

I received today, and enclose copies herewith letter of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and memorandum of bars of Doré bullion purchased thereat and forwarded to your office.

As soon as the gross and net value of this bullion shall have been ascertained, I will thank you to present a detailed statement thereof, and which shall exhibit the charge for parting; and on a separate statement you will show the amount paid for transportation of this bullion. Being a special purchase on account of the United States, there will be no charge for melting or bar making.

As soon as the necessary information for the purpose shall have been received from you, the proper steps for the final settlement of the purchase will be taken.

I rely very much on your usual care and intelligence to transact the business appertaining to the minting of and accounting for the bullion referred to, in a correct manner.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

Superintendent.

April 5th, 1875.

Assay Office, New York.

Have received and mail you today detailed invoice of Doré Silver.

H. R. Linderman, Director Mint.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. April 5th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the month of April 1875, has been approved for the sum of $293.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries ——— 1875 ——— $271.00
Wages of workmen ——— 1875 ——— 22.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. April 5th 1875.

Assayer &c. U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office what disposition, if any, has been made of the sweeps reported by you sometime since, as being on hand at the U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C. Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. R. W. Taylor April 5th 1875.

1st Comptroller.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit for file in your Office the Official Bond of James Crawford, Supt. U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. executed in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, under a Commission granted by the President of the United States, bearing date of December 18th 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. April 5th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have to inform you that your Official Bond as Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, executed in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, has been approved by the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, and transmitted to the First Comptroller of the Treasury for file in his office.

I hand you herewith your Commission from the President of the United States, and you will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 5th 1875.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ult. enclosing statement of subsidiary silver coin, belonging to your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams. Drexel Morgan & Co. April 6th 1875.
New York.

Bullion had better be sent unbroken to Philad.a Mint. Have telegraphed Superintendent Acton. See him. I will go to Philad.a soon as advised that bullion has been forwarded.

H. R. Linderman. Director Mint.

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Telegram. Superintendent April 6th. 1875.

Mint. San Francisco.

Upon my recommendation and earnest request thirty two Thousand dollars will be transmitted to-day to pay all liabilities construction and machinery except Booth's disputed Bill, settlement of which must be deferred until our report thereon shall have been made to Secretary and his further instructions received. As soon as amount is received, have Bills paid and vouchers transmitted without delay.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co. April 6th. 1875.

New York.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"Bullion had better be sent unbroken to Philadelphia Mint. Have telegraphed Superintendent's action. See him. I will go to Philadelphia soon as advised that bullion has been forwarded."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 6th. 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ult. enclosing "sweep account current" belonging to your Bullion accounts for the fourth quarter 1874 is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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April 6th 1875.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your dispatch of yesterday stating that $40,000. will pay all liabilities on account of construction and machinery, including experts estimate of Broths claim, was received last evening.

This morning I called the attention of the proper Officers of the Department to this business, and earnestly requested the remittance of the sum of $33,000 to settle all liabilities, except Broths disputed bill. The amount will be remitted today.

Your dispatch does not furnish any information asked for in mine of previous day, as to whether there were any paid vouchers held or in transit. We should be fully informed on that point. From what I can learn, one voucher for about $17,000. has been paid at San Francisco, and not yet charged up against the appropriation.

You state that the delay in forwarding the amount to pay bills, is disgraceful. On this point I can only say, the fault is not with this office. I have worked in season and out of season to have the accounts brought to a degree of correction, that would permit the advance to be made. The appropriation is under the control of the Supervising Architect, in subordination to the Secretary, and the former has heretofore refused to recommend an advance until the Statements of accounts from San Francisco could be made to agree, and the available balance, if any, determined at least with reasonable accuracy. As by law, I have no official control of the appropriation or its

disbursement. I make no further comments.

The matter has been of much annoyance to me.

One of my reasons for sending Schirmer to San Francisco was to have this business examined, and reliable data obtained. His report has not yet been received.

That the public business should have been set back, as it has been, is to be regretted.

If the accounts had been correctly kept and promptly settled, we should have now been fully under way with the equipment of the much needed Refinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. He. Alexander, Esq. April 6th. 1875.

607 7th St. Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday, relative to the Mindeleff process for converting Chloride of Silver, was received this morning.

I have requested the Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office, New York to thoroughly examine the subject, and allow Mr. Mindeleff an opportunity to be present at any experiment that may be made.

It will be sometime, however, before the matter can receive any attention at the Assay Office, as the business of that Office is so pressing as to preclude all possibility of an early trial of the process.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — April 6th, 1875.

Supt. Mint. Philad.a

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday, enclosing specimen 20 cent pieces, and which are very beautiful, I have to inform you that I sent a few evenings since informally to the Engraver, a rough design for a reverse specimen & which I will thank you to have prepared immediately, and on the receipt of which we will come to a conclusion as to the designs to be adopted.

We will have occasion to send you an order in a few days for proof pieces of all our present coins except 10 & 20 dollar pieces, & when we remit for same, the 80 cts. for the specimens already rec.d will be included.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 6th, 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith first proof of the article on condemned Melts, prepared by Mr. William E. DuBois, Assayer.

I will thank you to have the proof corrected and returned to this Office as early as possible.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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April 6th. 1875.

I propose with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to instruct the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, to purchase Five Hundred Thousand Ounces of fine silver, at a rate or price not exceeding one dollar and twenty five cents per ounce fine (112½ cents per standard ounce) and to coin the same into Half Dollars, Twenty Cent pieces and Dimes, on account of the United States.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Approved:

B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

Prof. R. E. Rogers. April 5th. 1875.

1004 Walnut St. Philadelphia.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst. (copy of which is herewith enclosed) submitting a plan for placing upon the roof of the New Mint building San Francisco, the lead chambers for condensing the sulphurous acid fumes of the Refinery. I have to inform you that the plan proposed has been approved by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, and you are authorized to carry the same into effect in the equipment of the Refinery by placing the chambers in the manner and position indicated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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C. H. Laffranger, Esq. April 6th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

In your dispatch of the 1st inst. it is stated that you have no silver bullion available for subsidiary silver coinage without reducing trade dollar funds below a half million, and that a half million of fine silver should be purchased for that purpose, and the Bullion Fund increased correspondingly. You are hereby authorized to purchase five hundred Thousand (500.000.) ounces of fine silver at lowest market rate, and not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cents per oz. fine, and to coin the same into half dollars and dimes.

A detailed report of purchases made under these instructions, should be promptly made by you to this office.

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause your Bullion Fund to be increased by the transfer to the same, of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars in gold coin.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Charles J. Stanch, Esq. April 6th. 1875.

611 North 7th. st. Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your note of the 5th. inst. advising me of the shipment per Adams Express Co. of the six impressions taken from the negative plates made from the designs for the Life Saving Medals, has been duly received. With many thanks

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow. April 6t. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

The plan for the equipment of a Sulphuric Acid Refinery in the Mint at San Francisco, having been approved by you, and it being necessary to commence the work without delay, I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of ten thousand dollars to be advanced to C. H. La Grange, Superintendent of the above Mint, from the unexpended balance of Appropriations for "Construction and equipment of New Branch Mint, San Francisco", and to be disbursed by him in settlement of expenses incurred in the fitting up of said Refinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 5t. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In order to procure additional Silver bullion to enable the Mint at San Francisco to manufacture Subsidiary Silver coin to its full capacity, I have to request that the Bullion Fund of the same be further increased by the transfer of five hundred thousand dollars in gold coin.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — April 6th 1875.
Supt. Mint. Philada.

Sir:

The Department recently accepted an offer of Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co. N.Y. for about 250.000. ounces of silver bullion, at the rate or price of 126½ cents per ounce for the silver contained, equal to 113 85/100 cents per ounce U. S. Standard. The bullion in the form of bars, supposed to be 900 fine, alloy copper, has arrived at New York, and is temporarily stored at the Assay Office. Desiring to avoid the necessity for two meltings of this bullion, I telegraphed Supt. Acton accordingly (see copy of despatch enclosed herewith). I have just received a despatch, probably sent before mine was received, proposing the same course.

Should the above bullion come to your Mint, you will melt and assay it with as little delay as possible, casting it into ingots at the same time, if that be practicable, and the bullion within the deviation on which silver ingots are usually approved by the Assayer.

After the value of the bullion is determined by assay, you will immediately furnish a statement thereof to this office. Whereupon authority will be given the Superintendent at New York to pay for it. The expressage on the bullion from New York to your Mint will be paid by you in subsidiary silver coins, and charged to the Silver Profit Fund.

If the variations in assay are but trifling fractions, the same may be disregarded; that is to say, if the average fineness is not below 899 thousandths it may be considered as of the fineness of 900, & provided further it be in condition for coinage without any operation which by

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law is a subject of charge.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 6th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. Philad.a

Sir:

Since writing you today in relation to Drexel, Morgan & Co. silver, & which was supposed to be about 900 fine, - I have received a despatch stating the silver to be 997 fine, and requesting instructions by telegraph. I have despatched them to send the silver to you unbroken, & that on being advised of shipment, I would go to your city (Philad.a). I fear we shall have some complications to deal with in determining the basis on which this silver is to be taken, and as there may be points which will require the Director's action, I prefer to come over at once.

Truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Co.s — April 6th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing your account in duplicate, and Bill Lading for copper canisters shipped by you to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, California, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due time a draft will be sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. Le. Acton, Esq. April 6th 1875.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have received your letter of yesterday, informing me of the receipt of a lot of silver bars from Drexel, Morgan & Co., supposed to be about 900 m/m fine.

Our agreement with the sellers, is, that they are to receive payment for the silver contained at the rate of 126½ cents per ounce fine, - equals to 113 85/100 cents per ounce, U. S. Standard. The fineness of the bullion must be determined by U. S. Assay, and should it not fall below 899 m/m, it may be taken as of the fineness of 900 m/m, - because being within the legal tolerance on silver ingots, it could be converted into coin without the fineness being raised.

It is not probable that there will be any but an unimportant fractional deviation in the average assays, and if the bullion is in condition for coinage, without refining, it would be much better to have it sent direct to Philadelphia Mint, where the melt for assay could be availed of, to cast it into ingots, and thereby avoid two meltings, i.e. one at your office before payment, and transmission to Philadelphia, and one at Philadelphia, for ingots.

If upon consultation with the sellers, you conclude to have the bullion delivered at the Philadelphia Mint, I will instruct the Superintendent to melt and assay it forthwith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

April 6th 1875.

Sir:

Herewith please find copy of letter from the Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, under date of 5th inst. enclosing for my information and guidance, copy of Department's letter of 31st ult. to Henry Sanford, Esq. General Superintendent Adams Express Co., proposing certain rates to be temporarily allowed that company for the transportation of Minor coins of the United States, from the Mint at Philadelphia, and which have been accepted by the company, to take effect on the 1st of April 1875.

You will be governed accordingly in settling the bills of the Adams Express Co.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

April 6th. 1875.

Sir:

I am advised by Messrs. Morgan & Orr of Philada. of the shipment to you of copper cannisters, for which requisition was made by you upon this office under date of February 12th. 1875.

The Bill of Messrs. Morgan & Orr, amounting to $2,535.50 (the duplicate of which is enclosed herewith) has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. April 6th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir,

I transmit herewith copy of statement in relation to the Mindeleff process for converting chloride of silver to a metallic state by means of Marsh Gas, and which would appear to possess some advantages over the process now in use for the same purpose.

I should be glad to have the Melter & Refiner at his leisure, thoroughly examine this subject and if he should conclude that it is worth experimenting with, to have him make a trial of it on a small scale, sometime when it can be done without interfering with the office operations, and allow Prof. Mindeleff an opportunity to be present.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq. April 6th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

The following telegram, sent you this date, is hereby made official:

"If Drexel, Morgan & Co. would deliver the Silver direct to the Mint, Philadelphia, at our expense for expressage, it would render but one melt necessary, and avoid possible complications from discrepancies in Assay. Philadelphia would melt it immediately, and after assay we would pay for bullion in New York. Bullion must be melted and assayed at your office or Philadelphia, before it is paid for. Letter by mail."

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram. Superintendent. April 6th. 1875.

Assay Office, New York.

If Drexel, Morgan & Co. would deliver the silver direct to the Mint Philadelphia at our expense for expressage, it would render but one melt necessary, and avoids possible complications from discrepancies in Assay. Philadelphia would melt it immediately, and after assay we would pay for bullion in New York. Bullion must be melted and assayed at your office or Philadelphia, before it is paid for. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Supt. April 6th. 1875.

Assay Office, New York.

Send Bullion to Philadelphia unbroken and subject to conditions stated in my first dispatch of today.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Herman Graber Esq. April 7th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Yours, enclosing Bill for designs for Metis and Life saving Medals of the 2d. class, received this morning.

The bill not being made out in proper shape, I enclose herewith a form in duplicate, which you will please receipt and return to this office, when a draft for the amount will be forwarded.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Crawford — April 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint. Carson.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 31st ult. relative to the twenty cent pieces, I have to inform you that as soon as the dies can be prepared and sent to Carson and San Francisco, the coinage of that denomination will be made at both places. Several experimental dies have been prepared, and a selection will be made on Monday next or sooner. Working Dies will then be made and forwarded to you with the least practicable delay.

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esqr. — April 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

At the request of this office, your Bullion Fund has been further increased by the transfer thereto, of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in gold coin, which sum has been placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at San Francisco, and which it is advisable for you to realize without actually transporting the coin from San Francisco to Carson, by giving drafts against the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 7th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States.

The charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow. April 7th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of four hundred thousand dollars ($400.000.) in subsidiary silver coin - to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco to the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint. San Francisco. April 7th. 1875.

Finals plans for Refinery agreed upon, and full instructions to proceed with the work sent you and Professor Rogers this day by mail. We design prosecuting the work to completion with all possible despatch.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 7th 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

The finial plan of a Sulphuric Acid Refinery in your Mint having been determined, and the same approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, the equipment will be commenced at once, and prosecuted to completion with all practicable dispatch.

The supervision of the work has been intrusted to Prof. R. E. Rogers, on whose requisition you will purchase in the open market, at the lowest market rates, such implements and materials as may be required in the equipment of the Refinery. You will also employ such workmen as may be actually required for the due prosecution of the work, and allow them respectively such rate of compensation as may be usual and customary in your City for services and labor of corresponding grade.

On the special Roll of employés engaged in the erection of the Refinery, no person's name will be placed, unless his services can be employed with advantage to the United States in the equipment of the Refinery. The same rules as to the number of hours constituting a days work and keeping of time prevailing in respect to other Government works in your city, will be observed and complied with in the execution of the work.

You will transmit to me monthly a detailed account with proper vouchers, of all sums paid on account of the work, and which account must be mailed by the 5th of the month succeeding that for which it is rendered.

Payment of Wages will be made at the close of each month.

On the 15th. of each month, you will submit a report of the progress of the work, and an estimate of the probable expenditures of the next month.

The employment of all persons under this authority, and rate of compensation, will be subject to the approval of this Office.

All persons employed in the equipment of the Refinery, will be subject to such rules as you may prescribe for entering and departing from that portion of the Mint in which the Refinery is to be located, and you will also prohibit such persons from entering the rooms where bullion is in course of manipulation, or Mint operations carried on.

If it should be necessary for the workmen to pass into the operative rooms on business connected with the work upon which they are engaged, it must be upon an order from you, and in the presence of an operative Officer or his legal representative.

In other words, it is intended that there shall be no interference with the operative Departments, your own paying and receiving rooms, or with the regular progress of work therein.

Prof. Rogers will be furnished with a copy of this letter, and will inform you as to any materials which may be required, or work to be commenced and carried on before his arrival in San Francisco. Mr. Ketrich has been fully advised as to the plans &c. by Prof. Rogers, and will under your direction supervise such work as the Professor has directed to be commenced, in advance of his arrival

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in San Francisco.

It is proper to add that in intrusting you with the discretion herein allowed, you will be held accountable for the economical expenditure of all funds placed in your hands, for the construction and equipment of the Refinery.

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of ten thousand dollars to be advanced to you out of the appropriation for the "New Branch Mint, San Francisco."

When further sums are required, you will make requisition therefor on the Secretary of the Treasury, through this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Approved:
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

M. H. Bonzano, Esq. April 7th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $341.90 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875		$288.50
Wages of workmen	1875		53.40

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 7th 1875.

Sir:

I am advised that Drexel, Morgan & co's silver will be shipped to your Mint from New York today.

As soon as received, you will proceed to melt and assay it with as little delay as possible. It will be treated as a purchase by your Mint on Government account.

When the assay shall approach completion, you will please notify me by telegraph, in order that I may come over, if necessary.

This bullion being a special purchase on account of the United States, will not be subjected to any charges for melting, or deductions in favor of the Melter and Refiner, and in consideration of the latter, it will be but fair, that the Melter & Refiner shall have the benefit of the residuum fluxes and sweeps from the melting of the same in the Deposit Melting Room. You are hereby authorized to make an adjustment accordingly subject to my approval.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Supt. of the Mint Philadelphia. April 7th 1875.

Melt and assay Drexel Morgan & Co. Silver immediately. I will defer coming until advised that melting is about completed. Please dispatch me in the morning about how long it will take to melt the bullion. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thos. L. Ochm, Esq.

April 7th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, stating that the Silver purchased of Drexel, Morgan & Co. (56 boxes) will be forwarded to the Philadelphia Mint today.

We will treat this bullion as a purchase made by the Philadelphia Mint, and it will not therefore be embraced in your Register of Bullion purchased on Government account.

I prefer to leave the place of payment an open question, until the silver shall have been assayed at Philadelphia. It may be necessary to pay the Sellers, or their agent in Philadelphia, the approximate value of the bullion, before the computation and finals adjustment is made. If a draft were issued, it would have to be for the whole amount.

The Superintendent at Philadelphia can hold the receipt of the parties for such amount as may be regarded as safe, and pay on account of the bullion, until the full amount to be paid, is ascertained.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.

April 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of March 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman Director.

M. V. Benzaro, Esq.

April 7th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Secretary of the Treasury your "Report of Official Postage Stamps used and on hand."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

April 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your communication of yesterday relative to premium on British bars in the Asst. Treasurers Office in your City, has been received and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The action of the Secretary will be communicated to you when received at this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of March 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow April 8th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter from the Supt. of the Assay Office, New York, in reference to the disposition of certain stamped Mint bars at the Assistant Treasury in that city.

The act of June 22d 1874, authorizes the application of fine gold bullion or bullion of standard equal to or above that of the United States, in the form of stamped mint bars, to the redemption of coin certificates, or in exchange for gold coins at not less than par, and not less than the market value.

I respectfully recommend that the Asst. Treasurer at New York be authorized to use the bars in his possession for the redemption of coin certificates at the market rate, provided it be not less than one Tenth of one per cent premium on the stamped or par value of the bars, or to exchange the bars at the same premium and under the same restrictions; for U. S. Gold coin, the standard weight and value of the bars to be computed, and the coins received in exchange to be of corresponding weight and value.

This last proviso is recommended as the only certain means of preventing coins of less than standard weight from being received in the Treasury in exchange for these bars, as the law allows coins which are not diminished in weight by natural abrasion, more than one half per cent below the standard weight, to be received at their nominal value.

It is quite probable that the large amount of gold coin received at New York from California,

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embraced some coins more or less reduced in weight and which will be likely to find their way to the Treasury, unless the above proviso is adhered to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers
Philadelphia.

April 8th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of letter of yesterday to C. H. LaGrange, Supt. Mint. San Francisco, containing general instructions in reference to the equipment, under your supervision, of the Refinery in that Mint.

Everything is now in readiness for proceeding with the equipment of the Refinery, and you will give directions by letter to Supt. LaGrange as to commencing and conducting, until your arrival in San Francisco, such portion of the work as you have determined to have undertaken under the direction of Mr. Frank Ketrich.

Funds for such expenses as may be incurred in San Francisco will be advanced to and disbursed by Supt. LaGrange, and any expenses incurred by you will be settled here on receipt of proper Vouchers and Bills of Lading in the case of materials &c. shipped to San Francisco.

Freight must be at through rates, and be stated on the Bills of Lading or Railroad Receipt.

All shipments must be overland by the Union and Central Pacific Railroads.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — April 8th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States. It is understood that this amount, with the $100,000. for which transfer draft was requested sometime since, making a total of $300,000. will be sent to Baltimore, the expenses for transportation to be paid by you from your "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to the prices paid Robert Taylor & Co. for "Rings, Stirrers and Dipping cups" Voucher No. 87 of your Ordinary Expense Account for March 1875, and enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter received from the Dixon Crucible Works giving quotations of the same.

It appears that the prices paid in this bill are largely in excess of those offered by the Dixon Crucible Company.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 8th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to the enclosed letter of Rear Admiral Davis, and the accompanying sketch for a medal which it is contemplated to present to Dr. Draper, I have to request that you will, in connection with the Engraver, examine the designs and make such modifications as may be deemed proper, and have a new drawing made to illustrate the same, and send it to me with the original. At the same time give me an estimate of the cost of the Medal in Gold.

The medal should be about the size of the Agassiz Medal, but not as thick. The dies may be prepared at the mint, or by Mr. Barber and Son, as you may deem best.

Be kind enough to return the letter of Admiral Davis, when you are through with it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Philad'a

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — April 8th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philada.

Sir;

I enclose herewith requisition from the Supt. of the Carson Mint for obverse and reverse dies of the 20 cent silver coin.

As soon as the designs have been agreed upon, you will prepare and ship the dies to the Mint at Carson, and also furnish this office with the information asked for in Mr. Crawford's letter relative to the diameter and thickness of the coin referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent — April 8th. 1875.

Mint Philada. Pa.

Your despatch received. Will it not be practicable and advisable to melt the bullion in silver ingot room as well as in deposit melting room.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

N. Y. Branch, Exy. — April 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense account for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

April 8th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter under date of February 1st. 1875. enclosing a letter from G. W. Bryant, Esq. Melter & Refiner of the Carson Mint, dated January 28th. 1875, asking the payment of the sum of forty-six dollars ($46.00) to his Assistant Wm. H. Stevens, for six days and one hour's overtime, claimed to have been made during the month of June 1874 by reason of the annual settlement, I have to say that it being well understood, that Mr. Stevens' duties are simply clerical, and in view of the fact that his compensation has been twice increased since his connection with the Mint, I must decline to authorize the payment asked for; and in this connection I will add, that it is expected of all persons connected with the Mints whose duties are of a clerical nature, whether receiving a salaried or per diem compensation, to perform all duties pertaining to the position occupied by them, without regard to the number of hours in a working day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

April 8th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Account of Ordinary Expenses of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq. April 8th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this Office whether the various pieces of Machinery shipped by Messrs. Morgan & Orr, Philadelphia, sometime since to your Mint have been received, and put in place. If not set up, please state when it can be put in operation, and what your monthly capacity for coinage of the different denominations usually coined at your Mint (including the twenty cent piece) will hereafter be.

Is there any way in which your separating capacity can be increased by a moderate outlay, say, ten or fifteen thousand dollars.

An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, April 8th. 1875.

First Auditor,

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month of March 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 8th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco,

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint San Francisco, to the Treasurer of the United States. It is understood that this amount will be sent to Boston, the expenses of transportation to be paid by you from your "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent April 8th. 1875.
Mint, San Francisco.

When will demands for trade dollar for export commence, and what amount will probably be required for that purpose up to next annual settlement.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr. April 9th. 1875.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I desire that your Mr. Orr should call upon me at the Mint in your city, on Monday forenoon, the 12th. inst.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

April 9th 1875.

Sir:

To enable you to make payment to Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co, New York, for the Silver Bullion delivered, and to be hereafter delivered by them at the Mint, Philadelphia, the Secretary of the Treasury has, at my request, directed that your Bullion Fund be further increased by the transfer of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000.) in gold coin, which sum will be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer U.S. at New York, and subject to your draft as Superintendent Mint of the U.S. Philadelphia.

I will be at the Mint on Monday morning next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Geo. W. Thompson, Esq.
Agent, Adams Express, Co.
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for settlement, your Bill for June 1874, enclosed in your letter of June 30, 1874.

The duplicate of the above bill received today, has been filed in this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. E. Acton, Esq. April 9th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday, respecting repairs and alterations.

You are instructed to proceed with the work with all possible dispatch, consulting with Mr. Steinmetz on any point involving a change or alteration in the structure of the building.

The fund to which you refer, cannot be expended except by the Superintendent of the Assay Office, neither can it be transferred from the Assay Office appropriations to any other appropriation or office.

There is a pressing public necessity for increasing the Melting and Refining capacity of your office, and it would not do to defer the work until after July 1st. next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Messrs. Drexel, Morgan, & Co. April 9th. 1875.

New York.

Gentlemen,

A telegram sent you this day in the following words is hereby made official;

"Arrangements are in progress to issue check at Philadelphia on Monday, and payable at Assistant Treasury New York, for approximate value of bullion. The check can be delivered to Drexel & company if you so direct. I will be at Philadelphia Mint on Monday morning."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 9th. 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Voucher no. 14. Bill of Coiner for bullion employed in the manufacture of 2001 Women's Centennial Silver Medals, and the a/c current, belonging to your Medal Fund account, for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875.

You will perceive that in this bill the Coiner calculates the value of 255.25 ounces of Silver 990 fine, equal to 280.78 standard ounces @ $1.25 per oz. as $247.58 while the true value should be $350.98, which will make a difference of $103.40 in the Coiners' Silver Bullion account.

You will please correct the Bill, and also the "Statement of Medal Fund a/c" in this particular, and return the same to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 9th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th. inst. enclosing Medal and Proof Coin Reports, for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow April 9th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

In order to enable the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia to make payment to Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co. New York for silver bullion recently purchased from them by the Government, I have to respectfully request that the Bullion Fund of that Mint be increased by transfer to the same, of five hundred thousand dollars ($500.000.) in gold coin, and that this amount be placed to the credit of the Superintendent thereof with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow April 9th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith, I transmit in duplicate the bill of Herman Faber for designs furnished for the Metis Medal and Life Saving Medal of the 2d. class.

The bill of Mr. Faber is in my opinion reasonable and should be paid.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Crawford April 9th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, Carson.

Sir:

I enclose for your information and appropriate action, letter of Mr. Cochrane "correspondent of the Times" making certain charges against the Coiner of your Mint & addressed to the President of the United States under date of 25th ult°.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 9th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U.S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 2d. inst. enclosing letter from the Post Master of Ogden U. T., making inquiries as to the redemption of minor coins &c.

In reply, I enclose herewith circular issued by the Treasury Department, which will furnish all the information asked for.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Hon. James Crawford April 9th. 1875.

Supt. Mint

Carson, Nevada.

Your duty would be to immediately report the case to me as one of official insubordination, with a statement of facts in support of your charges.

H. R. L. Director Mint.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

April 9th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Miss. Emma C. Gregg, whose appointment as Adjuster in your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Drexel, Morgan & Co.
New York.

April 9th 1875.

Arrangements are in progress to issue check at Philadelphia on Monday, and payable at Assistant Treasury New York, for appropriate value of bullion. The check can be delivered to Drexel & company if you so direct. I will be at Philadelphia Mint on Monday morning.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent
Assay Office, N. Y.

April 10th 1875.

If you have concluded to procure large balance let me hear from you on Monday morning, care of Mint Philad.a and I will give some special directions to the manufacturer.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — April 10th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that an additional room be assigned for the use of this Office.

It is important that a small weighing balance and some other apparatus should be put up in this Office, in order that the system of decimal weights used in bullion transactions at the Mints, may be made familiar to the clerks to whom are assigned the check computations on the various Mint reports and Bullion accounts.

In view of the large bullion transactions which are being carried on it is essential that the clerks making the check computations, should not be subject to interruptions while engaged on their duties, and the limited quarters assigned this office at present do not afford proper facilities for such an arrangement of business, as, is, in my opinion necessary.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford. Esq. — April 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U.S. Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you yesterday, is hereby made official:

"Your duty would be to immediately report the case to me as one of official insubordination, with a statement of facts in support of your charges.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

April 10th. 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction "Superintendent's Report of Silver Proof coins" belonging to your Medal and Proof Coin Report for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875.

You will perceive that the number of Proof coins sold of each denomination (364) deducted from the amount on hand Dec. 31st. 1874, and received from the Coiner during the quarter (522) leaves a balance on hand of 158, instead of 149 as shown by your Report.

You will please correct the same in this particular, and return it to this office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 10th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing requisition from the Coiner for a new desk for his office, I send herewith copy of a letter from the Acting Supervising Architect, by which it will be seen that the matter has been placed in the hands of John McArthur Jr. of your City.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Jacob F. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 12th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your Requisitions for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of April, 1875, has been approved for the sums of $2,376.90 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — —	1875 —	$856.90
Wages of Workmen —	" —	1,270.00
Contingent Expenses —	" —	250.00

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq. April 12th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge

Mint, U. S. Denver.

Sir:

Your monthly Statements for March, and also Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the 3d. Quarter 1874.5, have been received.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. April 12th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis, Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

April 12th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Accounts of Ordinary Expenses of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office New York, for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

April 13th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the current month and for improvments in connection with the Refinery, has been approved for the sum of $22,800.- from the following appropriations, 1875, viz:

Salaries	1875	$3,000.00
Wages of workmen	"	6,000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	13,800.00

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Calvin J. Cowles Esq.
Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

April 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — April 13th. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Medal Fund account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq. — April 13th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $27,050.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — —	1875 — — —	$2,050.
Wages of Workmen — —	" — — —	10.000.
Contingent Expenses — —	" — — —	15.000.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. — April 13th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account, for the month of March 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment, your Medal Fund Account and Vouchers, for the quarter ending March 31st, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis.
Acting Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 14th. 1875.

Sir:

Replying to yours of yesterday asking by whom the transportation of Drexel, Morgan & Co's. Silver from New York to Philadelphia is to be paid, I have to inform you that the same will be paid from the Silver Profit Fund of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Bowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

April 14th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Bullion Account for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

April 14th 1875.

Sir:

After a careful examination of the several specimen Twenty Cent pieces, prepared by the Engraver of the Mint and submitted by you, I have decided to select and adopt the specimen returned herewith, and which bears on the obverse a sitting figure of Liberty, with the word "Liberty" inscribed and surrounded by 13 stars, and beneath the figure of Liberty the date, 1875, and on the Reverse, the figure of an Eagle surrounded by the inscription "United States of America" and beneath the Eagle the words "Twenty Cents". The edge or periphery of the coin being smooth instead of reeded, and this for the purpose of rendering it easy to distinguish by the touch from the Quarter Dollar which has a reeded edge. The specimen for the reverse having a shield bearing the figures "20" and beneath the words "twenty cents" is exceedingly beautiful, and would have been adopted had it not been that the law requires the reverse to bear the figure of an Eagle, and moreover, it is desirable that all the divisionary silver coins should bear the same emblems as far as practicable.

The legend "E Pluribus Unum" and motto "In God we trust", it is understood are omitted for the reason that the space does not admit of both, or either, being placed on the coin.

You will proceed immediately with the preparation of the working dies necessary for the coinage of the Twenty Cent piece at your Mint, and the Mints at San Francisco and Carson, respectively.

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I would suggest that in preparing the dies, the word "Liberty" on the obverse, should be made a little more distinct.

You are requested to return the specimen herewith sent.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Robbins, Clark & Biddle
1124, Chesnut St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

April 14th. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th. inst. enclosing a communication from the Agent of the Gorham Manufacturing Co. requesting the return of certain models in Plaster, forwarded by said Company in October 1874 in response to a Circular from this Department requesting designs for "Medals" and "Life Saving" medals.

In reply I would say that I have this day caused these designs to be carefully packed and forwarded per Adams Express Co. to the Gorham Mf'g Co. N. Y.

In forwarding these models, one of the Plaster Casts became detached, and I have caused a paper wadding to be placed between it and the glass to insure as far as possible their safe transportation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

April 14th. 1875.

Sir:

It appears to have been the custom for several years past at the Assay Office, New York, to consider deposits and purchases of silver bars of a fineness of not less than 999 thousandths as fine silver, that is to say, a bar deposited weighing 1000 ounces and assaying 999 Thousandths, would be taken and computed as 1000 ounces, fine silver, instead of 999 ounces as shown by the Assay.

I suppose that in the end, the loss or difference of one ounce in such a deposit, would fall on the Melter and Refiner's Accounts.

It is my intention to prescribe a regulation requiring all bullion to be computed and paid for on the U.S. Assay, excepting of course the authorized deductions in certain grades of bullion.

The usage at the Assay Office appears to have grown out of the fact that Silver not less than 999 thousandths fine is, in commercial transactions, regarded and treated as fine silver.

Before prescribing the new regulation, I desire an answer to the following questions:

1st. Has the Mint occasionally received from the Assay Office, or individual depositors, Silver bars of the fineness of 999 thousandths and upwards?

2d. Were such bars regarded and treated as fine silver, or as containing a certain portion of silver, or in other words, was the standard weight computed according to the weight and fineness, or was the bullion taken at its weight and regarded as fine silver?

To make myself more clearly understood, I will state that the particular point on which

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I desire to obtain information, viz, as to whether bars of fineness not less than 999 thousandths are received, and value computed according to the weight of the bar, or according to the silver contained as shown by assay. If the former, there would appear to be an overcharge to the Melter & Refiner, of one ounce of silver in every Thousand ounces of such silver delivered to him.

You will please afford the Assayer and Melter and Refiner an opportunity to read this letter, with a view to obtaining the benefit of their experience and suggestions on the point presented, and report to me as early as convenient.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. April 14th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the month of April 1875, has been approved for the sum of $959.80 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$560.30
Wages of workmen	"	149.50
Contingent Expenses	"	250.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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April 14th. 1875.

H. Ks. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the current month has been approved for the sum of $42,117.85 from the following appropriations:

Salaries — — —	1875 — — —	$2,117.85
Wages of Workmen —	" — — —	30.000.
Contingent Expenses —	" — — —	10.000.

In informing you of the approval of your Requisition, I have to call your attention to the present condition of your appropriations for both Wages of Workmen and Contingent Expenses, there being a balance of only $33.200.00 undrawn of the former and $2,592.61 of the latter, - which would appear to indicate a deficiency in these items for the service of the present year; and I have to request that your expenses under these heads be brought within such rates per month as will prevent any deficiencies at the end of the year.

Unless some circumstances beyond our control should make it necessary, I cannot consent to recommend any Deficiency Appropriation.

You may reduce the expenses of your Mint in such a manner as may seem best to you and consistent with the public interests, either by a reduction in the number of employés or the rates of compensation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Grenner, Esq. April 14th 1875.

710 Market St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to request that you will manufacture for the U. S. Assay Office, New York, the largest sized bullion balance that can be depended on for accurate weighing.

In some conversation I had with you on the subject on Monday last, I understood you to say that the largest capacity attainable in bullion balances, is 5000 ounces. By this, I suppose you mean the minimum capacity, and beyond which weighing is not to take place,- but the beam would actually weigh 6000 ounces at a single draft, if necessary.

I desire the balance made of not less the size and capacity than the largest balance in use at the Philadelphia Mint, and which was manufactured by you in 1867 or 68. You will please take the utmost care to make a first class balance in all respects, and one that can be depended on for the accurate weighing of 5000 ounce drafts.

I believe your price for the largest sized balance has been heretofore $1600. I shall expect that sum to cover any additional improvements which may have been made since 1867.

Before the manufacture of the balance is undertaken, I shall be glad to here from you on the several points herein referred to.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford Esq. April 14th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, of the U.S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

On the 13th. of February 1875 I mailed to your address blank forms, upon which you were requested at the ends of each Calendar Month to report to the Treasurer of the U. S. the condition of your Bullion Fund.

Complaint is made by the Treasurer to this office that no reports have been received from you. I will thank you to give the matter your attention.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 14th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 5th. inst. enclosing statement showing amount of Subsidiary Silver Coin in the Bullion Fund of your Mint April 3d. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 14th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Carson.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of Wm. M. Lynch as Receiving Clerk in your Mint, bearing date of March 25th. 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 14th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. relative to purchases of Doré Silver, and to inform you that your action in the matter, meets my approval.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 14th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of James T. Jones, whose appointment as Watchman in the General Department of your Mint was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 14th. 1875.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the months of March 1875 is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,

April 14th. 1875.

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letters of the 9th. & 10th. insts. informing me of Mr. Hetrich's return to San Francisco, and of certain articles ordered for the new Refinery in the San Francisco Mint.

Your action in the matter is approved.

In reference to the four (4) large round bottom pots, and twenty (20) small pots, which you say can be purchased only in New York, you are instructed to order from the same parties who have furnished similar articles to the New York Assay Office, and the Mint at Carson.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis

April 14th. 1875.

Naval Observatory

Washington. D. C.

My dear Sir:

I have just received from Hon. James Pollock, Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, a communication relative to the proposed Medal for Dr. Draper, and if convenient would like to see you at this Office in reference to the matter, some day this week.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Calvin G. Bowles, Esq. April 14th. 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

You will retain the sweeps at your Office until further advised by this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

H. J. Heinzen, Esq. April 15th. 1875.

Care of L. Prang & Co.
286 Roxbury St.
Boston.

Sir:

I have received your favor of 12th. inst. proposing that the Coinage and U. S. Notes of 1876 be issued with new and appropriate designs in commemoration of the Centennial of American Independence.

I am advised that a similar proposition was informally considered by the proper authorities some eighteen months since, and it was decided that it would be better to strike medals bearing appropriate emblems, devices, and inscriptions commemorative of the great event referred to, than to make any special change in the money issues. Under an Act of Congress authorizing their issue, such medals have been struck at the Mint U. S. Philadelphia, for the Centennials Finance Committee.

Very respectfully
B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 15th 1870.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office, carefully done up for shipment, the following Gold, Silver and Minor Coins:

Gold

2 Half Eagles
2 Quarter Eagles
2 Dollars.

Silver

2 Trade Dollars
2 Half Dollars
2 Quarter Dollars
2 Dimes.

Copper Nickel

2 Five Cents
2 Three Cents.

Bronze

2 Cents

These coins are to be sent as an equivalent for two sets of Japanese Coins received from Thos. W. Kinder, Director of the Mint, Osaka, and I will thank you to see that the greatest care is exercised in striking the same.

They will be furnished at their nominal value, and a Draft for the amount ($21.25) payable in Gold Coin, will be remitted to you, upon receipt of the coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

W. E. DuBois, Esq.

April 15th. 1875.

Assayer, Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Mr. Crawford, Supt. of the Mint at Carson, writes me to day asking that a copy of "Mitchell's Assaying" may be furnished for his Mint.

If you know of such a work, will you be kind enough to order it, and have the bill sent to this office for collection.

The book also can be sent here, and I will forward the same to Mr. Crawford.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jacob F. S. Schirmer, Esq.

April 15th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Prof. R. E. Rogers

April 15th. 1875.

1004 Walnut St. Philad'a.

I have not expected to be in your city soon but can come over for a day next week if necessary. If entirely convenient would like you to come here for a day.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

April 15th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

I received your communication of the 3d. inst. returning Voucher of McMahon & Sackett corrected, and also the Account Current & Abstract of Warrants paid for Contingent Expenses.

I have this day referred your Ordinary Account for February to the First Auditor for settlement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

April 15th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing in duplicate account and Bill of Lading for "New Center Piece for the Ajax" shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement and in due time a draft for the amount will be remitted you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

April 15th. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. for the month of March 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

April 15th. 1875.

Sir:

You are advised that Messrs. Morgan & Orr have presented to this Office their account amounting to $350.00 for new Centre Piece for "Ajax", shipped you on the 10th. inst., and that I have approved and referred the same to the Accounting Offices for settlement;-payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 15th. 1875.

Sir:

I return herewith for signature "Assayer's Report upon Silver Bullion", belonging to your Bullion account for the Fourth Quarter, 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st. Auditor.

April 15th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month of February, 1875. Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — April 15th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office New York, to that of The Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia of the sum of Fifty five thousand six hundred and fifty nine 45/100 dollars ($55.659.45) payable in 44.459.87 ozs. fine silver bars; purchased on Government Account from april 1st. to 5th. inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. — April 15th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 14th inst. I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer from your Bullion Fund to that of the Mint Philadelphia of the sum of $55.659.45, payable in 44.459.87 ozs. Silver bullion, purchased by you on Government Account from April 1st. to 5th. inclusive.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 16th. 1875.

Sir.

The Express charges for transporting $200.000. in Subsidiary Silver Coin from your Mint to the Asst. Treasury in Baltimore will be paid by you out of the Silver Profit Fund, and in this connection you are informed that the expenses of transporting all Subsidiary Silver Coin from your Mint on Transfer Drafts of the Treasury Department, will be payable out of the same fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 16th. 1875.

Sir:

I send herewith all the papers, sketches, and a photograph, in relation to the Draper Medal.

I invite your attention to a letter of Rear Admiral Davis of yesterday, in accordance with which you will have the dies prepared and Medal struck.

I will thank you to return such of the papers as belong to the files of this office, when you are through with them.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

April 16th. 1875.

Sir.

The Statements sent to this Office show your Subsidiary Silver Coinage for one half of the present month to have been about $181,000. (in Half Dollars.)

According to this rate, the total for the month will not be much more than half the amount which we have relied upon to be coined per month at your Mint.

I suppose the small coinage of the first half of the month, is to be attributed, in part, to the use of the Silver ingot furnaces for the melting of the Silver purchased of Drexel, Morgan, & Co.

When last at the Mint, the Coiners' Assistant informed me that the Coiner's Department worked up all the metal received from the Melter & Refiner. I wills thank you to examine without delay into the efficiency of the working force in the Coiners and Melter & Refiner's Department, and ascertain what measures, if any, are necessary to insure a larger outturn of coin.

If the M. & R. cannot make ingots sufficient to keep the Coiner's Department running to its full capacity, you will direct the working during extra hours of such employés in the M. & R's Dept. as can be done with advantage to the public service, and for which allowances will be made according to the General Instructions and Regulations; but employés performing clerical duties will not be allowed for extra hours. They will however attend during such time as may be necessary, the same as in the case of the Officers and regular Clerks.

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As the two Pacific Coast Mints will be engaged nearly to their full capacity for the next three months in the coinage of Trade Dollars, we must rely on your Mint for a monthly coinage of from one million to one and a half million dollars, subsidiary coinage in denominations about as follows:

Half Dollars	2,000,000.	pieces.
Quarter Dollars	1,000,000.	"
Dimes	1.000.000	"
Total per month	4,000,000.	"

I suggest that you have a conference with the M. & R. and Comer on the subject, and report to me as early as practicable, what coinage of silver can be depended upon up to the close of the fiscal year.

The amount of gold coinage will no doubt be quite small for the balance of the fiscal year.

The Secretary having requested a report from me as to the progress of the coinage, renders it important that an early reply should be received from you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. H. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S. New Orleans.

April 16th 1875.

Sir:

I send herewith printed copy of Report on the Condemnation of Ingot Molds, and which must be regarded as for official use only.

I will be glad to have an expression of your views on the salient points presented, and especially as to segregation in the melting of gold alloyed with Copper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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L. A. Garnett, Esq. April 16th 1875.

San Francisco Assaying & Refining Works.

Dear Sir;

I send herewith three copies of pamphlet being reports of Booth and DuBois explanatory of the large percentage of condemned ingots at the Philadelphia Mint compared with the Mint at San Francisco. One of these copies is for you, one for Genl. Houston, and the other for Prof. Price.

They have been printed for official use only, and I wills Thank you to regard the copy sent as for your private use only, and so inform Houston and Price. My object is to call out any comments and suggestions which your experience in Bullion matters may enables you to make, and the same remark applies to the copies sent to the other gentlemen above named.

You will observe that Prof. Booth raises a new point viz: the segregation of gold in melting with copper, and where other base metals are present.

Very truly yours.

H. R. Linderman Director.

Geo. E. Thompson, Esq. April 16th 1875.

Supt. Mint. Dept. Adams Express. Co.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, relative to the payment of Express Charges on $200.000. in subsidiary silver coin, sent from the Mint, Philad.a, to the Ass.t Treasury in Baltimore, on Transfer Draft of the Treasury Dept.

The Superintendent of the Philad.a Mint, has this day been instructed to pay the expense of transportation out of the Silver Profit Fund of his Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

April 16th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Sir:

I send herewith printed Reports on the condemnation of Ingot Molds, and which were printed for the reason that they could be more readily examined than in manuscript. These pamphlets must be regarded as for officials use only.

I will be glad to receive the expression of the views of the M. & R. and Assayer on the salient points contained in the Reports, especially as to segregation in the melting of gold alloyed with copper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Similar letter addressed to

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, San Francisco.

James L. Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, Carson.

J. G. L. Schirmer, Esq.

April 16th 1875.

Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S. Denver.

Sir:

I send herewith printed Reports on the condemnation of Ingot Molds, and which were printed in order to afford a better opportunity for careful examination.

These pamphlets will be regarded as for official use only.

I will be glad to receive the Expression of your own and the Melter & Refiners' views on the salient points presented, and especially as to segregation in the melting of Gold alloyed with copper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow April 17th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

During the fiscal year ending June 30th 1874, the Melter & Refiner of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson Nev. had a wastage in his Silver operations over the amount legally allowable under Section 3542 Revised Statutes U. S. of 724.20 Standard ounces, viz:

Total amount of Silver bullion operated upon from July 1st 1873 to June 30th 1874 Std. ozs. 2.262,028.98

The actual wastage upon same was oz 4.117.23

Legal limit of allowance for wastage on Silver by Melter & Refiner, not to exceed one and one half thousandths of the whole amount operated upon, which would amount to Std ozs. 3.393.03

Making an excess over legal limit of allowance of 724.20

Standard ounces, the value of same being $840.07

As soon as information reached this Office of the excess in the Melter & Refiner's Silver wastage, the Superintendent and Assayer of the Carson Mint were instructed to make a thorough examination as to the cause or causes of the same and to report the result of such examination to this Office. I also directed Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer, of the Denver Mint, who is regarded as on of the best Assayers and Metallurgists in the United States, and understands thoroughly all Minting operations, to proceed to Carson and make a rigid investigation as to the cause or causes of the excessive wastage by the Melter & Refiner of that Mint in his Silver operations, and to report the result of his investigation to this Office. His report with that of Superintendent Hetrich, and Assayer Hopkins, is enclosed herewith, also an extract from the report of Mr. M. V. Davis of

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this Office, on the annual settlements at the Carson Mints.

Upon comparison it is found that all the reports agree in the main as to the causes to which the excess of Silver wastage over the legal limit of allowance by the Melter & Refiner, in his operations, is due, viz:

1st. Bars being hot and wet when delivered to the Melter & Refiner.

2d. Crowding too much work into a limited space.

3d. Weighing too precisely by the Cashier in the delivery of Silver bullion to the Melter & Refiner.

4th. Incompetency arising from inexperience of the Melter & Refiner and the workmen employed to execute the melting at the beginning of the fiscal year; neither having had experience in manufacturing fine silver bars to such a high degree of fineness as that required for commercial purposes, viz: 999 to 999½ m. the standard bars manufactured prior to July 1st. 1873 not having been above 994 m.

All reports agreeing that there was no dishonesty on the part of the Melter & Refiner or the employés of his department, and that the experience gained by them will result in the more satisfactory working of the Refinery and being fully convinced that the loss under all the circumstances was in a great measure unavoidable, an estimate was submitted for an appropriation to cover the wastage of the Melter & Refiner in his Silver operations above the legal limit of allowance, but owing to a clerical error in this office, the amount estimated for was only $804.07 covering only 693.16 Standard ounces when it should have been for $840.07, the bullion value of 724.20 Standard ounces, and the Act making

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appropriations to supply deficiencies &c. approved March 3d. 1875. contains an appropriation of $804.07 "for wastage on refining silver during the fiscal year 1874" at the U. S. Mint Carson, Nev., therefore to enable the Superintendent to give the Melter & Refiner credit in part in his accounts and to reimburse the Bullion Fund to the same extent for loss occasioned by excessive silver wastage, I have to respectfully request that you will cause an account to be stated in favor of James Crawford, Superintendent Mint of the United States at Carson, Nevada, for the sum of eight hundred and four 7/100 dollars ($804.07) "for wastage on refining silver" payable in coin out of the appropriation above indicated.

This will leave the wastages unprovided for, and with which the Melter & Refiner will still be charged 31.04 standard ounces of the value of thirty-six dollars.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. H. L. Baird & Co. April 17th. 1875.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 16th. inst. transmitting bill for copy of "Mitchell's Assaying", sent this office by Express is received, and your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, a draft for which will be sent you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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H. H. La Grance, Esq. April 17th. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I return herewith Gold Bullion Certificate No. 2058 for the signature of the person receiving the amount stated thereon; and also Bond of Indemnity for Lost Mint Receipt accompanying Gold Bullion Certificate No. 2444, the same being imperfect in the following particulars, viz:

First, that the Principal, H. A. Charles, and the Sureties W. E. Miller & H. H. Johnston, have not certified as to the amounts which they are worth over and above all their debts & liabilities.

Second, that the advertisement of the loss of the Receipt does not accompany the Bond.

You will please correct the Bond in these particulars, and forward the same, together with the Gold Bullion Certificate herewith enclosed, to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 17th. 1875.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have this day mailed to your address a copy of "Mitchell's Assaying" as requested in your letter of the 7th. inst. The bill for the same amounting to $10. will be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

April 17th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Referring to our recent conference in relation to the usage which appears to have prevailed at your office in receiving and accounting for Silver Bars of fineness averaging not less than 999 Thousandths, I have to inform you, that the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia states, in reply to an enquiry from this office, that such bars are computed there, according to the weight and fineness as determined by weighing and assay.

According to the statements made to me by your Chief Clerk, Floyd, and your Book-Keeper, such bars are received and paid for at your office as fine silver, that is to say, if 1000 ounces averaging by your assay a fineness of 999 m. be received, 1000 ounces, instead of 999 ounces, are paid for at the purchasing rate.

Now if the same bullion be sent to the Mint, only 999 ounces are paid for, and which would leave one ounce difference between the amount of Silver with which the depositor at your office has been credited, and the Melter & Refiner charged, and the amount for which the mint would credit your office.

According to my view the effect of this system is to throw a loss of one ounce in each thousand ounces of such silver upon your Melter & Refiner, and correspondingly reduce his surplus of Silver. While the subject is before us, we should determine precisely what has been the effect in accounting for such silver according to the usage above referred to.

I will therefore thank you to examine

the records of your office, and inform me on what basis Silver bars of the fineness referred to have been accounted for, and the effect of the same.

It would appear that the depositor has been credited, and the Melter & Refiner charged with the full weight, or standard weight, computed at 1000 fine, of such deposits. If so, the M. & R. actually received only 999 ounces for every 1000 ounces charged to him.

If, in turning over fine Silver bars through you to depositors, or the Mint, he the (M. & R.) only gets credit for the fineness according to assay, his accounts sustain a loss of one ounce in every thousand.

The Coinage Act of 1873, Sect. 4. contains the following provision: "From the Report of the Assayer and the weight of the bullion, he (the Supt.) shall compute the value of each deposit &c."

The usage of the Assay Office is in conflict with this provision of law, and you will hereafter compute the value of all bullion according to weight and fineness, as determined by your weighing and Assaying.

This regulation will not prevent the deductions, authorized by existing regulations in certain cases, from being made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow April 17th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a communication from the Secretary of State, dated 13th inst. in which referring to the Circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury under date of January 1, 1874 proclaiming the values of the Standard Coins in circulation of the various nations of the World, the inquiry is made, whether the changes in the values as estimated for the current year, are such as to make it desirable that they should be made known to Consular Officers, and if so, whether the number of copies of the Circular of January 1st 1875, necessary to supply them, can be furnished to the Department of State.

The estimation of values proclaimed on the 1st of January 1875, made no changes as to the respective gold coins embraced in the Circular of January 1, 1874 but altered the values of all the Silver coins, and I am of the opinion, that the same should be made known to Consular Officers.

In order to furnish the Department of State with the required number of the Circular of January 1, 1875 (Department No. 2, Secretary's Office) proclaiming the value of foreign coins, it will be necessary to reprint the Circular, the supply being nearly exhausted.

It appears to be proper for me to add that the Trade Dollar of the United States having been adopted as the basis of estimating and expressing in the money of account of the United States, the value of foreign Silver Coins, no alterations in the values of such coins will hereafter be made, except in the event of a change by law, of the monetary standard of any country.

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The letter of the Secretary of State is returned herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Jas. Hs. Watmough, Esq. April 19th 1875.
Act. Paymaster General
U. S. Navy, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of 14th inst. covering an interesting and instructive communication from P. A. Paymaster, J. Q. Barton, Esq. dated Yedo, Japan, Jan. 25, 1875, in reference to the coinage of the United States Trade Dollar in Chinese Ports.

The suggestions of Mr. Barton will receive appropriate attention.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. H. L. Bruird & Co. April 19th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Be kind enough to send one more copy of "Mitchell's Assaying", for the use of this office.

A draft will be sent you for the amount of your Bill.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 19th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir;

Your attention is called to a seeming discrepancy in the bill of the Spring Valley Water works, Voucher No. 413 of your Ordinary Expense Account for March.

The Bill shows that 240,600 gallons of water were paid for at the rate of .75 per gallon, while the state of the meter at last settlement (173,800) deducted from the state of the meter at the date of the rendering of the bill (205,880) would appear to show that only 32,080 gallons were used;

You are requested to explain this difference.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. in reply to that of this office under date of 31st ultimo, calling your attention to letters of 9th and 26th December 1874. is received.

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of letter of December 9th. referred to in my letter of the 31st ult. and which you state has not been received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent April 19th 1875.

Mint. San Francisco.

At present contract only for covering with lead the floor of the room originally intended for Cabinet and do nother further until further advised.

H. R. Linderman

Director of Mints.

Telegram. Supt. Mint. San Francisco. Apl. 19th 1875.

Have you still on hand the large porcelain pots formerly in use in Refining at the old Mint. Answer promptly.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq. April 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made officials:

"At present contract only for covering with lead the floor of the room originally intended for Cabinet, and do nothing further until further advised."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. La Grange Esq. April 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram sent you this day, in the following words, is hereby made officials:

"Have you still on hand the large porcelain pots formerly in use at Refinery at the old mint. Answer promptly." Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U.S.

Carson, Nevada.

April 19th. 1875.

Sir:

The Act making appropriations to supply deficiencies &c. approved March 3d. 1875, contains an appropriation of $804.07 for Wastage on refining silver during the fiscal year 1874, at the Carson Mint.

This appropriation was procured for the purpose of providing for the excess of wastage by the Melter & Refiner in his silver operations over and above the legal limit of allowance, but owing to a clerical error in making up the estimate, the amount is not sufficient by the sum of $36. the bullion value of 31.04 standard ounces.

In order to enable you to give the Melter & Refiner credit for the amount that the appropriation covers viz: 693.16 standard ounces, and to reimburse your Bullion Fund to the same extent, I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause an account to be stated in your favor for the sum of eight hundred and four 7/100 dollars payable in coin.

When draft for this amount is received, you will credit the Melter & Refiner "for amount of appropriation to cover excessive wastage in refining silver during the fiscal year 1874" viz: 693.16 standard ounces, and debit your account with the same amount as received from him, which will leave a balance of 31.04 standard ounces of silver bullion, delivered him during the fiscal year 1874 unaccounted for.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Thomas W. Kinder

Junior United Service Club
London.

April 19th 1875.

My dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 30th of January last, enclosing copy of your fourth and final report as Director of the Mint at Osaka, Japan, and duplicate sets of Japanese coins, as follows:

Gold.	Silver.	Copper.
2 5 Yens	2 Yens	2 – 2 Sens.
2 2 "	2 – 50 Sens.	2 – 1 Sens.
2 1 "	2 – 20 Sens.	2 ½ Sens.
	2 – 10 Sens.	2 1 Rins.
	2 – 5 Sens.	

In return for your kindness, I have today transmitted, in duplicate, specimen proofs of the coins of the United States, as follows:

Gold.	Silver.	Copper Nickel.
2 Half Eagles	2 Trade Dollars	2 – 5 Cent coins
2 Quarter Eagles	2 Half Dollars	2 – 3 cent coins.
2 Dollars.	2 Quarter Dollars	Bronze.
	2 Twenty Cent pieces.	2 1 cent coins.
	2 Dimes.	

The Silver coins embrace the 20 cent piece authorized by act of Congress, March 3d 1875. In the Gold coins, the Double Eagle, Eagle and Three Dollar piece are omitted.

The pleasant relations which have existed between us in our official positions, will, I trust be continued, now that you have retired from official life, and I shall always be glad to hear from you, or in any way serve you.

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman, Director.

P.S. If you can conveniently do so, please send me copy of your official Report as Director of the Mint of Japan for year ending July 31st 1874. A copy was recd by our State Dept., & which I hastily glanced over & found to be full of interesting information. H. R. Linderman.

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James Crawford, Esq. April 19th 1875.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Your attention is respectfully called to the letter of this Office under date of March 13th 1875, requesting a statement of amount of unpaid bills for supplies furnished the Carson Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, no reply having reached this Office.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. April 19th 1875.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received the Bond and oath of Office of J. P. Adelman, whose appointment as Watchman in your institution was this day approved.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

A. L. Paquet, Esq. April 19th 1875.
1217 N. 13. St.
Philadª Pa.

Dear Sir:

Before the finals completion of the Life Saving Medal Dies please take and forward to me by Express impressions in soft metal or wax from the same.

Oblige truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

April 19th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Have you the large porcelain pots formerly used in the nitric acid process, and if so, how many? answer."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

Apl. 19th 1875.

Assay Office, New York.

Have you the large porcelain pots formerly used in the nitric acid process, and if so, how many? Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 19th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith an Invoice of 102 silver bars purchased for Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co. and shipped to New York per Steamer "Mosel" March 30, 1875.

The invoice has been examined, and the calculations proven in this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Henry Ingemmer, Esq.

April 19th. 1875.

710 Market Street
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. proposing to manufacture for the U. S. Assay Office N.Y. a large Balance, similar to that made by you for the Philadelphia Mint 1867, with improvements and a capacity of six thousand (6000) ounces for sixteen hundred dollars, exclusive of weights, is received.

Your proposition is accepted and you are requested to proceed with the manufacture of the same without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hendricks Brothers

April 19th. 1875.

49 Cliff St. New York.

Do not require any Copper at present.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mints.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

April 20th. 1875.

Assayer U. S. Mint, Denver, Col.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th. inst. enclosing your account of traveling expenses incurred by you in visiting the Mints of the U. S. at San Francisco, Cal.a and Carson, Nevada, by direction of this office, is received.

I regret the necessity of having to return your account that the number of days you were at the "Sick House" and rate per day may be stated on the bill.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thos. J. Durant Esq.

223 - 4½ St.

Washington, D.C.

April 20th 1875.

Sir:

On the 7th inst. your son called with a note in which you desired to be informed when and where it would be convenient for me to examine certain coins received by you from New Orleans, being the Cabinet of Coins of the late Prof. Chilton.

I suggested to your son that it would be well to forward the box containing the coins unopened to the Superintendent of the Philadª Mint, in order that the coins might be carefully examined, and a list prepared together with an estimate of value, by the Assayer, Prof. W. E. DuBois. I made the foregoing suggestion on account of Prof. DuBois being our best expert on ancient and rare coins.

Not having received a reply to my suggestions, I take the liberty of inquiring whether you have sent the coins to the Mint at Philadª.

If you prefer not to send them to Philadelphia, and will have them brought to my office, I will make an examination of them and estimate their value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 20th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadª

Sir:

I will thank you to render in duplicate your Bill for Coins forwarded to this office by you on the 17th inst. in order that you may be reimbursed for the same without delay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Mr. F. H. Garraway

March, 26th 1875.

Sir:

On receipt hereof you are requested to visit San Francisco, and take a full and detailed Inventory of all the machinery, implements, apparatus, fixtures and furniture in the mint in that City. The Inventory will not embrace Bullion, Coin nor materials used in the various Mint operations.

On your way back from San Francisco you will stop at Carson, Nevada, and Denver, Colorado, and take an inventory as above in respect to the Mints located in those cities respectively.

You will on the completion of your duties and within ninety days from this date submit to me the Inventories above required to be taken.

You will be allowed as compensation for your services while necessarily engaged in the performance of the duties herein enjoined upon you, eight dollars per day and your necessary traveling expenses; vouchers for which will be taken and rendered as prescribed in the enclosed circular of the Treasury Dept., and by which you will be governed in all respects.

Your compensation and expenses from this date until you shall have completed your duties at San Francisco, will be settled by the Superintendent of the Mint in that City, and your compensation and expenses after that date will be settled at the Treasury Department.

The Superintendents of the Mints above named are hereby instructed to afford you the necessary aid and facilities for the discharge of the duties herein specified.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 20th 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday, giving the London gross weight, Philad.a gross weight, weight after melting, and U. S. Standard weight of two Invoices of Silver purchased from Drexel, Morgan & Co. and asking whether you shall calculate the value on the gross weight, or the weight after melting.

In order to prevent any possible misunderstanding, you are instructed to settle and account for this Silver the same as you would any other silver purchase, viz: on the weight after melting, and from the Report of your Assayer paying Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co. for the fine Silver contained at the rate or price of 126½ cents per ounce (fine).

In the Statement embraced in your letter, you give the weight after melting ozs. 338,570.50

Standard weight 374,085.60

Average fineness 997.

If the standard weight is computed upon the average fineness of the weight after melting (ozs. 338,570.50) the result would be 375,060.87 standard ounces instead of 374,085.60, as stated by you.

Please explain.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

April 20th, 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed extract from the Report of Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer on the examination of your Mint, I have to request an explanation of the circumstances under which your Chief Clerk, Miller, gives so much attention to private business interfering with his duties at the mint.

There are decided objections to Mr. Miller being absent from duty during business hours, and especially in view of the fact, that in case of your absence from sickness or any other cause, he by law must act in your place, and therefore should be familiar from actual observation, with the various details of daily business.

With respect to the Book-Keeper, it of course has been known to this Office, that he does not regularly attend to duty at the Mint during business hours, and it has thus far been excused on the ground that the salary allowed by law, is not such as to command the services of a competent book-keeper, one who should remain at the mint during the regular business hours.

It has also been considered that his duties are of a special character, and which admit of being attended to outside of Office hours. Notwithstanding this latter consideration, it would be better either to increase the compensation of the present incumbent, and have him remain at the mint during official hours, or procure the services of another person competent to keep the accounts correctly.

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I have full confidence in the integrity and ability of the Book-Keeper & Chief Clerk, and would not willingly interfere with their business outside of the Mint, but the law and regulations must be observed by all persons connected with the Mints.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

April 20th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

The explanation contained in your letter of yesterday in relation to accounting for Silver bars, places the matter in a different light than as understood by me from the verbal explanation received when last in New York.

Your accounts on file in this office, show the computation of deposits to have been made in strict accordance with law. It was well, however, to have had the discussion on the subject, as it has served to freshen our minds all around.

You say that you do not fully comprehend the last clause in my communication.

What I meant was, that the ruling should be regarded as not prohibiting deductions which existing Regulations authorize to be made in favor of the Melter and Refiner's accounts on certain grades of bullion.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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E. S. Drone, Esq.

April 20th. 1875.

Appleton Building.

55 Broadway N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of 16th. inst. I send you today by mail copy of my Official Report for fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874.

The coinage of Gold is now free at the mints of the U. States. So much of the coinage Act of 1873 as imposed a charge of 1/5 of one % for coinage of gold having been repealed by the Act of Jan. 12. "1875. (providing for specie payments)

The charge for coining trade dollars was lately increased by the Director, with approval of Secretary of the Treasury, from 1/2 to 1% on the nominal value.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

April 20th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th. inst. stating that twelve hundred tons of Anthracite coal will be required for the use of the San Francisco Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1876, is received.

I will thank you to state the quantity of "Egg" and "Grate Coal" respectively, that is embraced in your estimate.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

April 20th. 1875.

Assayer Mint of the U. S.
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In Statement no. one (1) Memorandum of Vault of Cashier at close of business March 15th. 1875, accompanying your report of examination made by you at U. S. Mint San Francisco, the following entry occurs, viz:

Silver Purchase $1,000,000.00

I will thank you to inform this Office whether this amount represents the Doré or unparted silver bullion purchased, and in course of being delivered when you took possession of the Cashier's Vault, or gold coin to pay for former.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

April 20th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to enclosed extract from Prof. J. J. L. Schirmer's Report on the examination of your mint, I have to request that you will report to me the facts of the case.

It is essential to the efficiency and proper conduct of the Mint, that harmony should prevail between its Officers, and that the subordinate officers should give the Superintendent their cordial co-operation as contemplated by law and regulations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. J. C. L. Schirmer — April 20th 1875.

Assayer in charge, Mint
Denver, Col. Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your Report of Count of Funds at the Mints at San Francisco & Carson, and examination of those Mints, has been received, & I am inform that your Report to the Secretary of the Treasury of examination of accounts connected with the construction of the Mint building at San Francisco, was received in due course of mail.

For the prompt and very satisfactory manner in which you have discharged the duties devolved upon you and above referred to, be pleased to accept the thanks of the Director.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Labyrange, Esq. — April 21st 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

It is absolutely necessary that you furnish this office without further delay, the Assayer's Report of the fineness of the Silver reported as purchased in your letters of March 8d, 15th and April 6th 1875, as required by my letters of February 25th and March 23d 1875.

For your guidance in the future, I enclose a blank form for reporting Silver purchased on Government accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 21st. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to so much of your letter of yesterday as refers to the probable exhaustion of the Anthracite coal supply, in consequence of the pending strike, I think it very important, that you should, without delay, take the necessary steps to secure a supply of coal sufficient to last until, say the 15th. or 20th. of June, when your operations will be intermitted for the annual settlement.

I have not heard that the Wilkesbarre and Scranton Mines have as yet been interferred with, and there must be coal from that region (Wyoming Valley) procurable.

Your best plan will probably be, to confer immediately with coal dealers familiar with that region, and learn what can be depended upon.

It will not do to have our operations seriously interferred with from the cause referred to, if it can possibly be avoided.

Mr. George B. Newton, 303 Walnut St., is well posted in the local trade and condition of affairs, and his opinion can be depended upon. I think you had better confer with him upon the subject at once.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. John Wiley & Sons
15 Astor Place
New York.

April 21st. 1875.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to forward to this Office the following works embraced in your catalogue!

Napier (James) — The Ancient Workers and Artificers in metals, from references in the Old Testaments and other ancient writings.

Whitney (J.) — Metallic Wealth of the United States, described and compared with that of other countries.

— Dictionary of Technical Terms used in arts and manufactures. English, German & French. The addition of commercial terms.

Browne. W. A. — The Money, weights & Measures of the chief commercial Nations in the world with the British Equivalents.

Craig (B. F.) — Weights & Measures according to the decimal system, with tables of conversation for commercial and scientific uses on a new plan.

Eggleston. (F.) — Tables of weights, Measures, Coins &c. of the United States & England, with their Equivalents in the French Decimal system.

Woolhouse (W. S. B.) — Measures, Weights & Monies of all Nations, and an analysis of the Christian, Hebrew and Mahometan Calendars.

Fresenius (Dr. C. R.) — Manual of Qualitative Chemical Analysis from the last English and German Editions - Edited by Samuel W. Johnson M. A. with Chemical notations & nomenclature.

— — A System of instruction in Quantitative

Chemical Analysis from the last English & German Editions - Johnson)

Your Bill when received will be transmitted to the proper accounting Officers, and a draft forwarded you in a few days after the delivery of the books.

In addition to the foregoing order can you procure for me the following London works:

Tate's Modern Cambist - 16th. edition, Ritter's Exchange Tables between England, India & China 13th Edition.

Schultz Universal Dollar Tables covering all exchanges between the United States, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain & Germany.

If you have these latter works on hand, be kind enough to forward them with the other books embraced in this order.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

April 21st. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Drexel, Morgan & Co. ask if approximate value of last lot of Bullion cannot be paid to day. When will you be ready to settle the entire purchase and pay balance due."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow,
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 21st, 1875.

Sir:

I have received from James H. Watmough, Esq. Acting Pay Master General U. S. Navy, copy of a communication to him from J. J. Barton, Past Assistant Paymaster, U. S. Navy, dated Yedds, Japan, January 25, 1875, in which an interesting account is given of the circulation of the Trade Dollar at various Chinese Ports, and the suggestion made, that disbursements on account of the Navy Department at Chinese Ports, should be made in that coin.

It is quite certain that a saving to the Government can be effected by adopting the course recommended by Mr. Barton, and I most respectfully recommend the subject to your consideration.

A copy of Mr. Barton's communication is transmitted herewith.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Drexel, Morgan & Co.
New York.

April 21st, 1875.

Gentlemen:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint will be ready to settle and pay the entire purchase tomorrow by twelve noon."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Charles Grasick, Esq. April 21st. 1875.

578 Main St.

Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday asking for information as to the manner of obtaining old coins &c. you are informed that proof coins of the United States for the present calendar year only, can be obtained at the Mint at Philad.a at the prices named in the enclosed circular.

Coins of dates, prior to the present year, can be obtained only from Coin collectors.

The Circular relative to the redemption of gold coins reduced in weight by natural abrasion, requested in your letter is herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint, Philad.a Pa. April 21st. 1875.

Drexel, Morgan & Co. ask if approximate value of last lot of Bullion cannot be paid today. When will you be ready to settle the entire purchase and pay balance due. Answer by bearer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Drexel, Morgan & Co. April 21st. 1875.

New York City.

Think Mint is ready to pay balance due on account of both lots of Bullion. Have requested information on this point & will advise you as answer can be obtained.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Telegram.

Drexel, Morgan & Co. April 21st. 1875.

New York.

Superintendent of Philadelphia Mint will be ready to settle and pay the entire purchase tomorrow by twelve noon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Pollock April 22d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

It appears from your letter of the 17th ult. and the report of the Coiner enclosed therewith that the Belgian Segment Collar cannot be successfully attached to the Coining presses of the Mint.

It also appears that the Superintendent of the machine shop has nearly completed a model of a collar, which yourself and the Coiner think can be successfully employed for the purpose of striking raised letters on the periphery of the coins. As soon as Mr. James shall have completed the model I will thank you to have such tests made as will demonstrate whether its employment on a large scale would be practicable for the purpose stated.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Baron de Bussierre

April 22d. 1875.

Director of the Mint at Paris.

Sir:

I had the honor to receive in due course of mail, your esteemed favor of 9th. ult. and desire that you will accept my thanks for your usual prompt attention to my request.

I have now to inform you, that finding the space allotted for a Refinery in the new Mint building at San Francisco, inadequate for refining by the sulphuric acid process, we shall probably equip a temporary nitric acid Refinery with some modifications, and therefore shall not, at least for the present, need to trouble you further upon the subject. Should any change occur in our present plans, I shall in that event, have the honor to again communicate with you upon the subject.

By the mail which carries this letter, I send you a printed pamphlet containing reports of the Assayer and Melter and Refiner of the U. S. Mint, Philad.a in relation to the causes of condemned ingots. I would be very glad, if your distinguished Assayer, Mr. Eugene Peligot, would examine these Reports, and give me any suggestions on the subject which may occur to him. I have an impression that the difficulty arises from imperfect refining, and insufficient mixing of the bullion in melting. The reports were printed for official, and not public use.

Again thanking you for your kind attentions,

I am dear Sir,

With great respect

Your obd't servant

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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A. Le. Paquet, Esq.
1217 North 13th St.
Philadª. Pa.

April 22d. 1875.

Dear Sir:

I have the soft metal proofs, Life Saving medal, & have no comments to make. I suppose that medals struck after the dies shall have been hardened will more clearly exhibit the designs, figures &c. I trust that when completed the medals will fully meet our expectations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

He. E. Ezekiel, Esq.
Nos. 19 & 21 West Pearl St.
Cincinnati.

April 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Your communication of 19th inst. relative to proof sets &c. has been referred to the Supt. of the Mint, Philadelphia, to whom all applications for proof coins, medals &c. must be made.

I enclose Medal Circular.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. McCullough, Dalzell & Co.
Crucible Manufacturers,
Pittsburg, Pa.

April 22d. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to furnish this office with your price for Crucibles, Dippers, Stirrers and Covers of the several numbers and sizes, manufactured by you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. Laflyrange, Esq.

April 22d. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

April 22d. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Cannot tell what amount, but probably sufficient for purpose. Will answer as to substitution of asphaltum cover for floor pots as confer with Rogers. Hedrick left for San Francisco about a week ago. What causes delay in answering my dispatch, asking whether large Porcelain Refining Pots are still on hand.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon,

April 22d. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco Cal. for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock — April 22d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st. inst. enclosing in duplicate, bills for the coins forwarded to this Office for Japanese Mint, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the Accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days draft will be remitted you for the amount $21.08 in coin.

Very respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers — April 22d. 1875.

1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Inviting your attention to the enclosed dispatch of Supt. LaGrange, I will thank you to give me your opinion as to the propriety of substituting asphaltum in place of lead for covering the floor of "Cabinet Room", as recommended by Genl. Kenston.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock — April 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $1.225.00 on account of Profit on Medals, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Messrs. John Wiley & Sons,
15 Astor Place
New York.

April 23d. 1875.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your bill amounting to $20.68. which has been sent to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and a draft for which will be sent you in a few days.

The books indicated in the Bill, arrived by express this morning.

I will thank you to import the works, still remaining as a part of the order, viz:

Browne. (W. A.) Money, weights and measures of the chief Commercial Nations in the world, with the British Equivalents.

Patten's Exchange Tables between England, India, & China 13th. Edition, & Shultz Universal Dollar Tables.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow
Secretary of the Treasury.

April 23d. 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philada. to the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for the transportation of the same to be paid from the "Silver Profit Fund" of that Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Telegram.

Superintendent. April 23d. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco. Cal.

Have you made any purchases under order sent by mail sixth instant. Has purchase on prior order all been delivered. What amount Trade Dollar and Subsidiary Silver respectively, will you probably coin this month.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. Lalgrange, Esq. April 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you yesterday, is hereby made officials:

"Cannot tell what amount but probably sufficient for purpose. Will answer as to substitution of asphaltum cover for silver soon as confer with Rogers. Hedrick left for San Francisco about a week ago. What causes delay in answering my dispatch, asking whether large porcelain Refining Pots are still on hand."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. Lalgrange, Esq. April 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram, in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made officials:

"Have you made any purchases under order sent by mail sixth inst. Has purchase on prior order all been delivered. What amount Trade Dollar & Subsidiary Silver respectively will you probably coin this month. Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman Director.

Telegram.

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James Crawford, Esq. April 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official: "What amount of subsidiary silver, and Trade Dollar Coinage respectively will you probably coin in all this month."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram Superintendent Mint April 23d. 1875.

Carson, Nevada.

What amount of subsidiary silver and Trade Dollar Coinage respectively will you probably coin in all this month.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Hon. James Pollock April 23d. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($300.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States. The charges for transportation to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. H. L. Baird & Co. April 23d. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. enclosing your bill for Copy Mitchell's Assaying, furnished for the use of this Office, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement and in a few days draft will be sent you for the amount ($10.)

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. April 24th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your dispatch of current date stating that the probable Trade Dollar and Subsidiary Silver Coinage of your Mint for the month of April, and which falls below our estimate. You will please inform me by telegraph on receipt hereof, as to the amount of fine silver which will probably be required to keep your Mint running to its full capacity, in both the Refining and Coining Departments up to the Annual Settlement, on Subsidiary Silver coins, coining at the same time the required gold and Trade dollar coinage.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Arthur Orr. Esq.

April 24th 1875.

Firm of Morgan & Orr
1219 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

As you are thoroughly familiar with the mints at Philadelphia and San Francisco and the coining machinery therein, I will thank you to inform me as to the relative capacity of the two mints for coinage, supposing both Institutions to have a full supply of fine gold and silver bullion.

In the statement requested, you will please give me your opinion as to the relative capacity of the two Institutions with respect to the following operations, viz:

Rolling, Annealing, Cutting and Coining, indicating as far as practicable, the number of various machines, and number and size of annealing furnaces.

I would also like you to indicate as far as may be practicable, the relative capacity of the two Institutions for making Gold and Silver ingots, and the number of ingot furnaces at each Institution.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram

April 24th 1875.

William Barber
U. S. Mint, Philada.

Proceed to engrave the Mecklenburgh dies. I write by mail.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Messrs. Balbach & Son. April 24th. 1875.

Newark, N. J.

The production of mixed bullion from the Mines on the Comstock Lode appears to be in excess of the parting capacity of the Assay Office N. Y. Carson Mint, and the San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works.

My object in writing is to ascertain on what terms your firm would be willing to part bullion of the class referred to. The charge at the Assay Office N. Y. for parting such bullion is 1½ cents per ounce gross.

Under the law you would be required to deposit either fine bars or gold coin in the Assay Office to an amount equal to the unparted bars delivered to you for parting.

The first point for you to consider is whether the rate of charge for parting 1½ cents per ounce gross would be satisfactory.

Second, whether you could arrange to deposit fine bars or gold coin equal in value to each lot of bullion delivered to you for parting.

The amounts delivered to you from time to time, would be such as would best suit the convenience of your operations.

I do not regard it as necessary to refer to the subject further until advised as to whether you are likely to entertain a proposition of the character herein indicated.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Fredk Delvigne, Esq.

April 24th. 1875.

Acting German Consul,

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday, asking for a copy of the Mint Laws, I enclose herewith a copy of the Instructions and Regulations governing the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States, and containing the Coinage Act of 1873, under which the Mint Establishment is conducted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. Wm. E. DuBois

April 24th. 1875.

Assayer Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I desire for this Office, a balance for taking specific gravity. Will you be kind enough to inform me of the best place to procure one perfectly reliable, and also the probable price.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

April 24th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward a statement showing the amount of abraded gold coin received at the Mint from July 1st. 1874, to March 31st. 1875, inclusive, and the loss on the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

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Q. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

April 24th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received your dispatch of current date, stating your probable coinage for the month of April.

The rate of coinage is certainly very satisfactory and gratifying; you also state in the same dispatch that you have purchased the five hundred thousand (500,000) ounces fine silver authorized in my letter of 6th inst. I suppose that this silver will not all be delivered under thirty days.

I have to request that on receipt of this letter, you will inform me by telegraph of the additional amount of fine silver which will probably be required to enable you to run to your full capacity, and within your appropriation, up to the Annual Settlement, on the Subsidiary Silver Coinage, - coining at the same time the gold and Trade dollar coinage required.

It is necessary for you to coin as large an amount for subsidiary pieces as possible, at the same time meeting the demand for Gold and Trade Dollar Coinage.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram

Col. Wm. Johnston,
Charlotte, N.C.

April 24th. 1875.

Send on Committee's order for Medals as per my letter of twenty second instant.

H. R. Linderman, Director of Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

Apl. 24th. 1875.

Sir:

Please inform me whether you have commenced to sink the Artesian Well, an appropriation for which was made at the last session of Congress.

The appropriation will be available only for materials furnished and work done or contracted for, during the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philadelphia.

April 24th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith five dollars ($5.) in gold coin for which you will please forward the same amount in the new twenty (20) cent coin out of the first delivery by the Coiner, to Hon. Henry B. Anthony, U. S. Senator, Providence, Rhode Island.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S. Philad^{a}.

April 24th. 1875.

Sir:

Please send to J. D. Bell, Esq. Artist Office, Daily Graphic, New York City, one twenty cent piece (adopted designs) for Photograph by Graphic process.

I will settle for the specimen in a day or two.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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C. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have to request that you call the attention of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner of your Mint to regulation 14. page 18. of General Instructions and Regulations.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq. April 26th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Leave all floors just as they are for the present. Important modifications for equipment of Refinery will be decided in a few days."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent. Apl. 26th 1875.

Mint San Francisco.

Leave all floors just as they are for the present. Important modifications for equipment of Refinery will be decided in a few days.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Wm. Reid, Esq.

108 Woodward Ave.

Detroit.

Apl. 26th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 23d inst. stating that you had forwarded a piece of native gold on the 14th inst. to be coined and the proceeds to be returned to you.

The gold has not been received at this office. Presuming that it may have gone to the Mint at Philadelphia, I have addressed a letter of inquiry to the Superintendent, and when answer is received, I will again communicate with you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Moses W. Field

Detroit, Mich.

April 27th 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of July 31st 1874, covering a communication from John Horn, Jr. in which he details the names of persons rescued from drowning by him, and to the Act of June 20/74 directing a gold medal to be prepared and presented to the said John Horn, Jr. of your city, I have to request that you will procure and send to me, three photographs of Mr. Horn - one full faces, one three quarters face, and one side face.

It is my intention to place the profile of Mr. Horn on the obverse of the medal.

Your early attention will greatly oblige

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

April 26th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office, a Statement showing respectively the amount of Gold and Silver Ingots received from the Superintendent by the Coiner, and the amount of Coin, clippings and Chips, and Condemned Lights, returned by the Coiner to the Superintendent, during the fiscal year ending June 30/74, and the nine months ended March 31st. 1875.

I enclose herewith a blank form for the Statement required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 26th. 1875.

Supt. &c.

Sir:

Since closing my letter of this morning enclosing a communication from Col. Wm. Johnston, I have received the enclosed dispatch that gentleman. It appears that we must give them the Hornets nest.

You may direct to the Engraver (Barber & Son) to omit either the "Liberty Cap" or "clasped Hands" from the obverse, and substitute a Hornets Nest, whichever you and he decide to be most appropriate.

I shall be over on Wednesday and will see you further about this matter.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

April 26th. 1875.

Superintendent &c.

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I send you today by the Adams Express Co. a box containing a collection of Coins, Medals, Books, &c. belonging to the widow of the late Prof. Chilton of New Orleans, La.

My object in sending these coins and medals to you is to have a detailed list of the same made out, and an estimate of the value of the Collection for Cabinet or museum purposes.

I send one of my clerks, Dr. Harvey, to make out the list, and request that the Assayer will give him such aid as may be necessary in the premises, and when the list shall have been made out, give an estimate of the value.

I shall probably ask for an appropriation at the next session of Congress for the purchase of the collection for the Cabinet of this Office.

Please give Dr. Harvey a desk, and the necessary facilities for performing the duty assigned him.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Jas. Pollock

April 26th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. Philada.

Sir: I herewith forward Statements of Bullion Operations in the Melter & Refiner's Dept. for January & February, which have been received in duplicate.

As they are at variance with each other, please state which are correct and return to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Thomas C. Acton, Esq. April 26th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 24th. inst. relative to your Requisition for funds for the current month, I have to inform you that a Draft for the amount thereof will be forwarded you by tomorrow.

The delay was occasioned by the removal of the Warrant Division from the rooms formerly occupied by them, and the consequent interruption of the business of the Department.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq. April 26th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th. inst. enclosing account Current of Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. April 26th. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assayer Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense account for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman

Director.

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April 26th. 1875.

Dr. W. F. Harvey, a clerk in the Director's Office, will visit the Mint at Philadelphia, and with the aid of the Curator of the Cabinet of Coins, and his Assistants, make a descriptive list in detail of certain Books, Coins, & Medals, - the property of the widow Chilton of New Orleans, La, received from Judge Durant, and forwarded to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint today by Express.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers,
1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia.

April 26th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d. inst. relative to covering the floor of the Refinery at San Francisco with asphaltum, instead of lead, as originally proposed, and expressing your views thereon. I have this day sent the following Telegram to Supt. Sharon:

"Leave all floors just as they are for the present. Important modifications for equipment of Refinery will be decided in a few days."

I shall be in Philadelphia on Wednesday next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow — April 26th 1875.

care Hon. E. W. Stoughton
93 Fifth Avenue, N. Y.

Professor Rogers will be ready Wednesday. May we not have the pleasure of seeing you in Philadelphia on that day. I will go there Tuesday evening.

H. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mint.

Albert Wolters, Esq. — April 26th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have received this day your Ordinary Expense account for the months of march, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. — April 26th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office.
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the first quarter 1875 are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Prof. R. E. Rogers — April 27th 1875.

1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia Pa.

I will be at Continental Hotel this evening.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. Larkrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

April 27th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this office without delay, a Statement showing the amount of Gold and Silver respectively, delivered by the Superintendent to the Coiner, and the amount of Coin, Clippings, Chips and Condemned Lights returned by the Coiner to the Superintendent, during the fiscal year ending June 30/74, and the nine months ending Mch 31st 1875.

The enclosed form is transmitted for your guidance in making the Report.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to
James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint U. S.
Carson.

Hon. D. W. Mahon
First Auditor.

April 27th 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C. for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. April 27th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock April 27th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the plan for addition to the Mint forwarded by you to this Office, January 19th 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Col. Wm. Johnston, April 27th 1875.

Charlotte, N. C.

The medals will be forwarded fifteenth instant. Will send you full particulars in two or three days. Obverse die will be modified according to your suggestion.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Telegram. J. B. Newton, April 27th 1875.

303 Walnut St. Philadelphia

Please see me at Continental this evening.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

April 28th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department, for examination and settlement, your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending December 31st 1874

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

April 28th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Bullion Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, for the quarter ending Dec. 31st 1874

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

April 28th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office Boise City, Idaho, for the months of March, 1875.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

April 28th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Wm. Reid, Esq.

Apl. 29th 1875.

Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Supt. of the Philadelphia Mint, this morning, stating that the piece of native gold sent by you, had been received, and being too small a deposit for coinage, was sold for $5.10 currency, and the amount sent to you by express on the 19th inst.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting. Director.

Charles Erasick, Esq.

Apl. 30th 1875.

No. 578 Main St.
Hartford, Conn.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th inst. I enclose herewith circular relative to the redemption of minor coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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A. Le. Paquet, Esq.

April 30th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of this date, offering to engrave the dies for the Life Saving Medal of the Second Class for the sum of seven hundred dollars, - the work to be finished and the dies delivered at this Office within three months from date.

Your offer is hereby accepted, and you are authorized to proceed with the work, in accordance with the designs and models herewith submitted; the legends and inscriptions to be precisely the same as in the Life Saving Medal of the first class, except the legend in the upper part of the reverse, which shall read, Life Saving Medal of the Second Class, instead of Life Saving Medal of the First Class.

Size of medal to be two and one half (2½) inches.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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A. Le. Paquet, Esq.

April 30th 1875.

1308 Park Ave. Philad.a

Sir:

The dies for the Life Saving Medal of the first class engraved by you, have been carefully examined and approved.

You will please deliver them to me at this office on the 2d. day of July next, at which time payment of the Contract price, fifteen hundred dollars ($1,500) will be made you.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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John H. Wheeler, Esq.
Washington, D.C.

April 30th 1875.

Sir:

Upon the receipt of this communication you are authorized and requested to visit the Mint at Charlotte, N.C. now conducted as an Assay Office.

Congress having failed to appropriate any funds for continuing operations at that Institution, it will have to be closed on and after the 1st. of July next.

You will please make an inventory of all the machines, apparatus, fixtures, furniture, carpets &c. and also make a statement as to the quality and value of the sweeps, fluxes &c., and report as to the best means of disposing of the same, either by sale at that locality, or shipment to Philadelphia, or New York.

The Statements will embrace the Assay balances, weights and other special implements belonging to Assaying, and you will please indicate what portion of these implements &c. could be transferred for use at any other Mint or Assay Office of the United States.

Some arrangements will have to be effected for the proper care of the building, after the close of the current fiscal year, and until some provision as to its disposition shall be made by the proper authority, and you will please make such recommendation in the case as may appear proper to you.

You will be allowed as compensation for your services, Eight (8) dollars per diem, and your necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of the duty herein devolved upon you.

It is expected that your report will be received at this Office by the 25th. of June next,

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as it will be necessary for you to complete the examination within the current fiscal year, and leave a margin of a few days for the necessary instructions to be issued for closing the Institution and its custody thereafter.

Your attention is directed to the enclosed circular of the Treasury Department relative to vouchers for traveling expenses, and a strict compliance therewith requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Charles J. Stanch, Esq.
611 Nth. 7th. St.
Philadelphia.

April 30th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th. inst. informing me that you had sent by express, one box containing models for the Life Saving Medal of the second class, and also the original designs.

The box and designs came safely to hand yesterday.

I will thank you to prepare and forward to this office at your earliest convenience, three more models of the obverse and reverse design of the Life Saving Medal of the 2d. class.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

April 30th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Take no further action respecting Refinery. Plan of equipment and process essentially modified. Rogers will leave in eight days, and bring working plans. Expect to complete entire equipment within ninety days."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent
Mint, San Francisco.

April 30th 1875.

Take no further action respecting Refinery. Plan of equipment and process essentially modified. Rogers will leave in eight days and bring working plans. Expect to complete entire equipment within ninety days.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

April 30th 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Mr. B. F. Pendleton, whose appointment as Conductor in the General Dept. of your Mint was approved this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

April 30th. 1875.

Supt. of the Mint

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 26th. inst. you are informed that transfers of Subsidiary Silver coin from your Bullion Fund will in the future be made in sums of $150,000. or $200,000.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow.

May 1st. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

Be pleased to issue your Warrant on the Treasurer of the United States, in favor of James Crawford, Superintendent Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev., for the sum of nine hundred and eighteen 53/100 dollars, payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of paid mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

May 1st. 1875.

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

In compliance with your request contained in your letter of the 29th. ult., I have had prepared, and herewith enclose, tracing plan of the refining rooms in the new Mint, San Francisco.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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B. F. Stevens, Esq.
No. 4. Trafalgar Square
Charring Cross, London.

May 1st 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your communication of the 15th ult. with enclosures as stated, and transmit herewith Bill of Exchange No. 711562, drawn by Riggs & Co. on Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co. for £4.6.4, being the amount of your Bill.

In the list yet to be obtained, please omit the one gold yen of Japan, and procure, if possible, one silver florin of the Netherlands, one silver Rouble of 100 Copecks of Russia, and the gold piece of the value of 500 piasters, struck in commemoration of the opening of the Suez Canal, and which Mr. Beardsley, U. S. Consul General at Cairo, in his note to you says "he can procure for the U. S. Mint as a favor." The coin when received, will be placed in the Mint Bureau Cabinet.

I will also thank you to procure, if possible, one Gold Doblone or Isabelino of 100 reales from the dies of Isabel II, 1868, and the old piece of 4 reales of Spain.

I may add, that the information coming to you from the Secretary of Legation at Madrid, in reference to the Coinage of Spain is quite important, as we were not before aware that the law authorizing the gold pesetas to be struck, had been suspended.

Thanking you for your courtesy, and the trouble you have taken to procure the coins requested

I am, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your unofficial letter of the 13th. ult. in reference to the appointment of H. L. Johannes as Record Clerk.

The disposition you have made of the case meets my entire approbation.

In reference to a paragraph in your letter relative to verbal reports from Washington, and which you say, led you to conceive a very decided prejudice against Mr. Johannes, I have to say, that his official conduct and integrity I have never yet heard questioned, and his clerical abilities are certainly creditable. I only ask that you will treat him the same as any other clerk, and dispense with his services whenever he shall fail to satisfactorily discharge his duties.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 16th. ult. reporting the purchase of Silver for the week ending April 10, 1875, for shipment to the Philadelphia Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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G. He. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th. inst. marked private, in which it is suggested that the Melter & Refiner should be permitted to visit the New York Assay Office, for the purpose of personally observing the practical working and late improvements in Sulphuric Acid Refining, I have to state that it will be very important for Mr. Martin to spend such portion of his time, as the duties of his office will admit, with Dr. Rogers, while the latter gentleman is engaged in putting up the Refinery.

I witnessed, a day or two since, the refining of 100 ounces of mixed bullion by the improved process agreed upon, and am well convinced, that it is superior in all respects to the Sulphuric acid process, requires less space and time, and is quite as economical.

There will be no difficulty in Mr. Martin conducting this process, when the Refinery is completed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

April 30th. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco. Cal.

Will it be convenient for you to make a brief visit to Carson Mint about 10th. proximo. Answer.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made Official:

"Will it be convenient for you to make a brief visit to Carson Mint, about the 10th. inst."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 12th. ult. in which you request to be informed whether you might not receive, assay, and pay for Consolidated Virginia Bullion, and ship the same to the New York Assay Office, I have to say, that we will not probably require any further Doré Silver for refining in the East, until after the 30th of June next.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account and Vouchers, for the months of March, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman,
Director.

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Hon. Thos. L. Action,

May 1st. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office, N. Y.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of 27th. ult. in relation to the lot of Dore Silver purchased in San Francisco, & now being refined at your office, I have to suggest, that if the San Francisco Assaying and Refining Works were to reimburse you the sum of $15,642.84 in subsidiary silver coin, being amount of freight on said bullion, the matter would be very much simplified. Probably this could be arranged through Messrs. Swiddlaw & Co. (Bank of California agency). You had better see that firm or agency in relation to the matter.

I suppose they could readily purchase the required amount of Sub. silver coin at about 95% gold.

If the freight payment were arranged as above suggested, it would leave the value of the bullion, less deduction for parting, to be paid the sellers, and the freight item would not appear in our accounts.

As soon as I receive a reply from you on the above point, measures will be taken for issue of transfer draft and settlement of this purchase.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

James Crawford, Esq.

May 1st. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Carson. Nev.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th. ult. enclosing detailed statements of Silver purchases made by you on Government Accounts is received.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 27th. inst. in which you state that the Assayer, Mr. Jessey, proposes to change the method of reporting the fineness of Deposits, Gold and Silver, from the present practice of 1/2 ## to 1/5 ##, I have to state, that I should not be willing to approve any alteration of the practice which has so long prevailed in reporting Assays of crude bullion, nor can I see any good reason for such a change.

I have had it in contemplation for some time, to carefully consider whether assays of fine gold bullion should not be carried to the 10000, and on the occasion of my next visit, I propose to discuss that point. Meanwhile, no changes affecting the present rules and regulations in respect to reporting Assays, will be made.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. making requisition for four dozen Copper Canisters, is received, and I have directed the manufacture and shipment to you without delay.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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H. C. Johannes, Esq.

May 1st, 1875.

Record Clerk

Mint, U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

The arrangement which Superintendent Lagrange has kindly made for you, appears to be more proper and advantageous in all respects, than the special assignment originally contemplated.

Under the arrangement referred to, and your appointment as Record Clerk, you will consider yourself as acting entirely under instructions of the Superintendent, and I sincerely trust that your efficiency, fidelity, and attention to duty, will be such as to command his approbation, and reflect credit upon yourself.

Very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Balbach & Son

May 1st, 1875.

Newark, N. J.

Gentlemen:

Acknowledging your favor of the 27th ult. I have to inform you that in case we made the arrangement with you for parting washee bullion, it would be delivered in quantity to suit your convenience, say from 10,000, to 50,000 ounces of the value of about $2.00 per ounce.

It is not likely that any bullion will be required, until about the first part of July next.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr,
Philadelphia.

May 1st. 1875.

Gentlemen.

Enclosed herewith I transmit copy of a requisition made by the Superintendent U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. on this office for Copper Cannisters, which you are hereby authorized and requested to manufacture at or about the price charged (50 cents per pound) for the Cannisters made and shipped by you to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco a short time since.

You will please inform me as to the time it will require to manufacture the number of Cannisters requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the Oath of Office of the following employés of your Mint, whose appointments were this day approved, viz:

Coiners' Departments.

J. G. North ——————— Workman.
A. M. Longfellow ——————— Adjuster.
Addie E. Long ——————— "
Julia A. Danks ——————— "
Margaret A. Cummings ——————— "

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 1st. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th. inst. enclosing statements of unpaid bills for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1874, is rec'd.

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to issue his Warrant on the Treasurer of the U. S. for the sum of nine hundred and eighteen 53/100 dollars, to enable you to pay the bills above referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. E. Rogers
1004 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

The Assay Office at New York will only be able to spare from 12 to 15 of the Porcelain Refining Pots, instead of 22 as formerly stated, which with the 13 on hand at San Francisco will give from 25 to 28 for the use of the New Refinery.

If you think it necessary and will furnish the name of the party in London having these Pots for sale, we will send out an order for such number as may be required.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. (Confidential)

Superintendent,

Mint, San Francisco.

May 3d. 1875.

Proceed to Carson, confer with Superintendent Crawford, ascertain causes of want of harmony, and whether the Superintendent is properly sustained by operative officers, and whether the Coiner neglects his official business, also manifests a spirit of insubordination. Report facts in writing and make such recommendation as to you may appear to be called for. Your actual expenses will be paid at Carson.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram (confidential) in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official;

"Proceed to Carson, confer with Superintendent Crawford, ascertain causes of want of harmony, and whether the Superintendent is properly sustained by operative officers, also, whether the Coiner neglects his official business, and manifests a spirit of insubordination. Report facts in writing, and make such recommendations as to you may appear proper. Your actual expenses will be paid at Carson."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the month of May 1875, has been approved for the sum of $28,883.34 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — —	1875 — — —	$3,883.34
Wages of Workmen —	" — —	20,000.00
Contingent Expenses —	" — — —	5,000.00

It was found necessary to reduce the amount of your Requisition under the head of Salaries, from $4,000.00 to $3,883.34 - this latter amount being the balance of the appropriation for Salaries for the present fiscal year remaining in the U. S. Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, Philada

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I should like an expression in Lead or Soft metal, of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence Die, as soon as the dies are completed.

At the same time, or sooner, send me say, five 20 cent pieces (adopted devices).

I fear that I was the means of having you fix the estimate of the Mecklenburg Medals too high. I supposed the silver was to be fine & not standard, & as to those in cent metal I was no doubt carrying in my mind the figures you had previously given me for bronzed copper pieces. I would put only the usual 25% profit on the actual cost.

Respectfully H. R. Linderman, Director.

RG104-E-235

Prof. R. Es. Rogers.

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

May 8th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th. ult. in which you request authority to change the plan of equipping the new Refinery at the Mint in San Francisco, from the previously proposed sulphuric acid process, to the one involving the use of nitric acid, and state that through certain improvements devised by you in the nitric acid process for refining Gold and Silver, and exhibited practically to me on the 28th ult. you estimate that many thousand dollars may be saved in the original outlay for equipping the said Refinery, and that we shall be able to refine the precious metals at a price as low, if not lower, than is now done in this country, by the use of sulphuric acid.

Knowing that you have made the refining of the precious metals, and the proper process to be employed at the new Mint in San Francisco, a subject of careful investigation, and reposing full confidence in your chemical, metallurgical and practical skill, the modification of the plan and process of refining proposed by you, is hereby approved, and you are authorized to proceed immediately with the equipment of the Refinery, in accordance therewith.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Approved:

B. H. Bristow, Secretary 7th Treas'y.

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Messrs. L. Von Hoffman & Co. May 3d. 1875.

No. 50 Wall St.

New York.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st. inst., and reply to the inquiries made therein as follows:

The coinage of the fractional pieces for the redemption of the fractional Treasury notes is proceeding at the Mints of the United States, and the silver required for such coinage, is purchased from time to time by the Superintendents of the Mints, and the Assay Office at New York, respectively.

The time for commencing the issue of the silver coins has not yet been fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The fineness of the silver coins to be issued is nine tenths, and the weight 385 8/10 grains to the Dollar, whether composed of 10, 20, 25, or 50 cent pieces. The weight of $1000. in such coin would be 803 75/100 ounces troy.

The standard weight of the Trade Dollar is 420 grains, and $1000. in Trade Dollars would weigh 8.75 ounces troy.

All gold and silver coins of the United States are nine tenths fine, or 900 parts pure metal to 100 parts alloy.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Dr. M. Y. Bonzano, May 3d. 1875.

Mint New Orleans.

Can you spend two or three weeks at Philad.a Mint under instructions of this office. If so, come here and receive instructions.

H. R. Linderman. Director Mint.

Telegram.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir;

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in Subsidiary Silver Coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Carson, Nev. to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of said Mint from the Silver Profit Fund thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. D. Brooks, Esq.

May 3d. 1875.

No. 355 Atlantic Avenue.

Boston.

Sir;

In compliance with request contained in letter from Miss. C. A. Northam, dated Brooklyn, Apl. 25, 1875. I herewith enclose designs for Metis Medal submitted by her under Circular of this Department, inviting designs for the same.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

May 3d. 1875.

Mint San Francisco.

Try and arrange settlement of Coles Felting Bill soon on equitable basis and avoiding technicalities.

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq. May 3d. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Mint
New York.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause to be carefully and substantially packed as many of the large Porcelain Refining Pots as you can spare, and forward them to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco by rail. Mr. Preston, of this Office, had some conversation with Mr. Mason, a few days since, in which the latter stated that he thought he could spare from twelve to fifteen.

I will thank you to see that proper precautions are taken to have the Pots packed in a manner that will insure them from breakage in transporting.

I hope that you will be able to spare fifteen of the Pots. We shall probably import one or two dozen Pots from London, and if required will turn over to your office without charge as many as may be needed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq. May 3d. 1875.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York, City.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your office during the month of May, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $13.600. from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$3.100.00
Wages of Workmen	"	6.500.00
Contingent Expenses	"	4.000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

RG104-E-23 ... 005

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
San Francisco.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

Your telegram of the 22d. ult. states that you have thirteen (13) Porcelain Refining Pots on hand and in good condition. I suppose they are on storage, if so, you will please cause them to be securely transported to a safe place of storage in the new Mint Building, subject to the order of Prof. R. E. Rogers.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office with a statement showing the amount of unpaid deposits at your Mint at the close of business March 15. 1875.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Miss. C. A. Northam,
44 Tompkins St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 3d. 1875.

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 25th. ult. I have this day mailed to C. D. Brooks No. 355 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, the designs submitted by you for the Metis Medal.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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R. W. Raymond, Esq.

May 3d. 1875.

Commissioner of Mining Statistics
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st. inst. relative to making up your accounts to the 31st. of March, and asking whether you shall send them to this Office, or to the Department direct, you are informed that your accounts will be rendered as usual, through this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

May 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousands dollars in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your mint to the Treasurer of the U. S., the charge for transportation of the same, to be paid by you, from your Silver Profit Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

M. F. Bonzano, Esq.

May 3d. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
New Orleans.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made officials:

"Can you spend two or three weeks at Philadelphia Mint, under instructions of this Office. If so, come here and receive instructions." Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

RG104 E-2 Vol 005

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 3d. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to voucher #145 of your Ordinary Account for the month of March 1875, I have to inform you that it will be necessary for you to furnish the proper certificate of administratorship in favor of Simon Mayer on the estate of Mr. C. M. Sickles, deceased, before the same can be allowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the oath of Office of Edmund B. Barnes, whose appointment as Helper in your Mint was approved this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th. ult. enclosing statement of subsidiary Silver coin in your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 005

Prof. R. Ev. Rogers,
Philadelphia.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 1st inst. recommending the covering of the Cabinet floor of the San Francisco Mint with asphaltum, and suggesting that Mr. Hetrich be directed to have constructed the tubs for washing Silver & Gold, of the size and number agreed upon, but not to construct any large rectangular vats at present.

In accordance with your recommendation and suggestion, I have telegraphed Superintendent La Grange as follows:

"Have floor of Cabinet Room laid with asphaltum. Leave the whole of the remainder of the floor of Refinery as it is. Construct tubs for washing Silver and Gold of the size and number agreed upon when Hetrich was here. Do not construct any large rectangular vats at present."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. Ev. Rogers,
1004 Walnut St
Philadelphia. Pa.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of yesterday, in answer to certain questions propounded by me in my communication of the 1st inst. relative to certain points in the refining process has been received, and the explanation contained therein, has cleared all doubts in my mind upon the subject.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary of the Treasury.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this Office of a letter from Hon. Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State under date of April 20. 1875. with enclosures from Hon. E. B. Washburne, Minister to France, and Mr. J. Y. Sombat, a citizen of Paris, in relation to the dies of a medal voted by Congress to Cornelius Vanderbilt, and which Mr. Sombat states were deposited in the First National Bank of the City of New York, not as property of the National Government.

On the 4th of December 1874, the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint addressed a letter to this Office with an enclosure from Mr. Sombat upon the subject of the Vanderbilt dies being deposited in the First National Bank, and suggested such action as would secure their custody at the Mint in Philadelphia.

A correspondence with the President of the Bank referred to elicited the fact that the dies were left in his possession by a Mr. Ellis, and at my request they have been transferred to the Mint at Philadelphia, and are now in the custody of the Superintendent.

The letter from the Secretary of State, and enclosures, are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. &c

May 4th 1875.

Sir:

Please inform me when we may expect the Dies for the Metis medal to be completed, also as to the cost of the medals, if it shall be decided to strike them in gold. I should like to have the Dies completed & medals struck and delivered, during the current fiscal year, as the appropriation may lapse.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philad^{a}.

May 4th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received your ordinary Expense account for the month of April 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Thomas E. Acton, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York City.

Telegram.

Prof. R. E. Rogers

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

May 4th 1875.

Take pots offered by Powers and Weightman and ship them overland

H. R. Linderman

Director mint.

Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint San Francisco.

May 4th. 1875.

Have floor of Cabinet Room laid with asphaltum. Leave the whole of the remainder of the floor of Refinery as it is. Construct tubs for washing Silver and Gold of the size and number agreed upon when Hetrich was here. Do not construct any large rectangular vats at present.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 4th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir,

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made officials:

"Have floor of Cabinet Room laid with asphaltum. Leave the whole of the remainder of the floor of Refinery as it is. Construct tubs for washing Silver and Gold of the size and number agreed upon when Hetrich was here. Do not construct any large rectangular vats at present."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 4th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

Owing to the limited amount to the credit of the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year, you are instructed to pay for all telegrams received and sent by you in relation to the Refinery out of the appropriation for construction and equipment of the same.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

San Francisco.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

The account of Prof. J. F. L. Schirmer, amounting to $267.77, for expenses incurred by him in going from Denver, Col. to San Francisco to make an examination of the mint, under instructions of this office dated February 18th. 1875, has been approved and referred to the accounting officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint

San Francisco.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

I have received the official oaths of the following employés of your Mint, whose appointments were this day approved, viz:

General Department.

E. F. Boyle — — — Watchman.

Coiner's Department.

Miss. Ada L. Harden — Adjuster.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-

Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint, Carson, Nev.

May 4th. 1875.

No charge is to be made for refining unless the operation be necessary and actually takes place. Furthermore, where refining is incidental to the parting operation, the parting charge only will be levied.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made officials:

"No charge is to be made for refining, unless the operation be necessary and actually takes place, Furthermore, where refining is incidental to the parting operation, the parting charge only will be levied"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

James Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter from Messrs. Morgan & Orr, in which they inform me that the 4 dozen Copper Cannisters ordered by you, will be completed in about one month from date.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235 Vol 005

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 4th. 1875.

Sir:

The account of Prof. J. G. L. Shurmer, amounting to $171.17 for expenses incurred by him in making the examination of your Mint as instructed by this Office under date of February 18th. 1875, has been received, approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, payment of the same to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Mint at Carson for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for March, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been directed to an overpayment of thirty-seven cents in Voucher No. 135, which will be disallowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235

J. Y. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 5th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge
Mint U. S. Denver, C. T.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare and transmit to me as soon after the 30th. of June as may be convenient, a Statement of the amount of Gold and Silver respectively, produced from the mines of your Territory, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

A. J. Wolters, Esq.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office, Boise City, Idaho.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

May 5th. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Office during the month of May, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $403.20 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — —	1875	$281.20
Wages of Workmen — —	"	22.00
Contingent Expenses — —	"	100.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
First Auditor

May 5th 1875.

Sir:

In transmitting the Bullion account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the Fourth Quarter, 1874, on the 28th ult. I neglected to inform you that "Assayers Silver Report no. 35," "Gold Bullion Certificate no. 2058", and "no. 2444", were not with the account having been returned for correction.

I send you herewith "Receipt no. 35" mentioned above, received this day.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

L. A. Garnett, Esq.
Refining and Assaying Works
San Francisco.

May 5th 1875.

Sir:

You were kind enough to furnish for my last Annual Report some very valuable statistics in relation to the bullion product of Nevada and California.

I would be very greatly obliged if you will furnish similar data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

I am desirous of learning the total production of Gold and Silver respectively in California and Nevada, including details as to the Comstock yield.

If it is practicable and convenient for you to give at the same time an estimate of the production of the State of Oregon and Territories of Washington, and Arizona respectively, be kind enough to do so.

Please to include such data in relation to the movement and distribution of Bullion as in your judgment would be interesting to the Public.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman - Director

RG 104 E-23

Thomas J. Durant, Esq.

May 5th 1875.

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reference to the Box of Coins, Medals, &c. belonging to the widow of Prof. Chilton of New Orleans, La. and recently forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for examination and appraisal, I enclose herewith a copy of the report on the subject, made by Prof. Du Bois, Assayer at the Mint.

One of the Clerks of this Office was detailed to Philad^{a} for the purpose of better superintending their unpacking, and to ensure their safety, until an examination by an expert could be made.

From the report of Prof. Du Bois, you will perceive that these coins and medals are of comparatively little value for Cabinet purposes, such as contemplated.

The trays, books, &c. have been carefully repacked, and the Box is at the Mint at Philad^{a} and subject to your order.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

May 5th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

I will thank you to prepare and transmit to me as soon after the 30th of June next, as may be convenient, a Statement of the amounts of Gold and Silver respectively produced from the mines of your State during the fiscal year ending on that day.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

May 5th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th. inst. stating that you had purchased twelve Porcelain Pots, of Messrs. Powers and Weightman, and directed their shipment to San Francisco, is received, and your action approved.

I have written the Superintendent of the Mint Philadelphia to furnish me with the name of the party in Prussia or their Agent in that city who manufacture Porcelain Pots, such as in the Nitric Acid Refinery of the Philadelphia Mint.

I will thank you to furnish me with the number that in your opinion we should order, taking into consideration the probable introduction of the new process of refinery into the Mints at Carson, Philadelphia, and Assay Office, New York.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon

1st. Auditor

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment, the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nev. for the month of March, 1875.

Your attention is called to an overpayment of $0.37 in voucher No 135, bill of Virginia & Truckee R. R.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

RG104 E-235

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to inform this office whether you have received the five hundred thousand (500,000.) ounces fine silver, purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint, at San Francisco, and directed to be transferred to your Mint for conversion into Subsidiary Silver coins.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this office at your earliest convenience with the name of the parties in Prussia, or their agents in Philadelphia, who manufacture Porcelain Pots, such as used in the Nitric Acid Refinery of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a Trade Dollar of 1874 for which I will thank you to send by return mail a proof coin for 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred Thousand dollars in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by you from Silver Profit Fund at contract rates.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day sent you by Express a small silver bar, belonging to Senator Merrimon of North Carolina for which I have to request that you will return to him through this office when ascertained, the value in gold coin at the rate of $1.12½ per ounce standard.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Charles Browne, Esq.
Troy. New York.

May 5th. 1875.

Sir:

Agreeable to the request contained in your letter of the 3d. inst. I have this day mailed to your address a copy of my Report for 1874.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

RG104 E-235

Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 5th 1875.

Secretary Treasury

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in subsidiary Silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for the transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendents of said Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman - Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 5th 1875

Assayer in Charge Mint U. S. Denver.

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult. asking for a leave of absence for two weeks, in order to enable you to visit and examine the new mining Districts in the South Western Part of Colorado, has been received, and the leave of absence for the time and purpose requested, is hereby granted.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Calvin J. Fowler, Esq.

May 5th 1875.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,

Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 3d inst. leave of absence is hereby granted you for the period of eight days, from and after the 8th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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His Excellency

Hon. James L. Kemper

Governor of Virginia.

May 6th. 1875.

Sir:

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged, if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th. of June next as may be convenient, a Statement showing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your State, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. Lafayette Grover
Governor of Oregon.

Hon. Aug. H. Garland
Governor of Kansas.

Hon. John J. Jacob
Governor of West Virginia.

Hon. Asahel Peck
Governor of Vermont.

Hon. William Gaston.
Governor of Massachusetts.

Hon. John J. Bagley
Governor of Michigan.

Hon. D. H. Chamberlain
Governor of South Carolina.

Hon. George S. Houston
Governor of Alabama.

Hon C. H. Brogden
Governor of North Carolina.

Hon. James M. Smith
Governor of Georgia.

Hon. Wm. R. Taylor
Governor of Wisconsin.

Hon. Cushman R. Davis
Governor of Minnesota.

Hon. Jas. D. Porter, Jr.
Governor of Tennessee.

RG104 E-23

Telegram. Superintendent,

May 6th 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

Very little anthracite coal has been shipped to your Coast since January, when the strike of the miners, which still continues, commenced. Unless you feel certain of being able to obtain good coal four months hence at reasonable rates, think we had better make shipment from here including a supply of copper for your Mint and Carson, payable out of next years appropriations. Answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 6th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Very little anthracite coal has been shipped to your Coast since January, when the strike of the Miners, which still continues, commenced.

Unless you feel certain of being able to obtain good coal four months hence at reasonable rates, think we had better make shipment from here, including a supply of copper for your Mint and Carson, payable out of next year's appropriation."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Frank Leslie, Esq.

No. 537 Pearl St

New York.

May 6th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your note of the 4th inst. I have to state that it will afford me pleasure to furnish you copies of public medals now in course of preparation, whenever the dies are sufficiently advanced to admit of an impression in soft metal being taken.

I send you herewith an impression of a medal commemorative of the 100th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. Georges S. Boutwell

Chairman, Committee on Civil Service

and Retrenchments.

May 6th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to the call of your Committee at this Office today, I take the liberty of sending herewith six copies of the Instructions and Regulations in relation to the transaction of business at the Mints and Assay Offices, with the request that you will be so kind as to distribute the same among the members of your Committee.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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W. F. Bunzano, Esq.

May 6th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Oath of Office of Mr. John Shepperly, Workman in your Mint, whose appointment was this day approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

W. F. Bunzano, Esq.

May 6th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Accounts for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. B. Newton, Esq.

May 6th. 1875.

303 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Do nothing at present. Letter by mail."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Telegram.

J. B. Newton,

May 6th. 1875.

303 Walnut St. Philadelphia.

Do nothing at present. Letter by mail.

H. R. Linderman — Director.

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His Excellency

Hon. Benj. F. Potts

Governor of Montana.

May 7th. 1875.

Sir:

I intend presenting in my next Annual Report a detailed Statement of the production of the precious metals in the United States, and shall be greatly obliged if you will have prepared and transmitted to this Office, as soon after the 30th. of June next as may be convenient, a Statement shewing the production of Gold and Silver respectively in your Territory, during the fiscal year ending on that day.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Hon. John A. Campbell
Governor of Wyoming.

Hon. Marsh Giddings
Governor of New Mexico.

Hon. A. P. K. Safford
Governor of New Mexico.

Hon. George L. Woods
Governor of Utah.

Hon. I. L. Pennington
Governor of Dakota.

Hon. Elisha P. Ferry
Governor of
Washington Territory.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

May 7th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31, 1875, has not been received.

Be kind enough to forward it.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Col. Wm Johnston

May 7th 1875.

Committee on Medals,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

I have this day received a letter from the Philada Mint (Supt 7th) stating that the Mecklenburg medals would be ready for shipment by tomorrow, and that at my suggestion, the price has been modified as follows:

Silver Medals — 65 cents each, in silver
Bronze " 20 " " , in currency.

I have instructed the Superintendent to ship the medals to you by Express C.O.D., and to render his Bill for the Silver medals at their currency value.

The Bill would stand about as follows:

200 Silver Medals @ 65 c —	—	$130. Silver.
1000 Bronze " @ 20 c	— —	200. Currency
Dies —	— —	75. "

Making in all about $425. currency.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. D. W. Maher.

May 7th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the account of Ordinary Expenditures of the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at New Orleans, La. for April 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock. May 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint U.S.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Yours of yesterday informing me that you would be ready to ship the Mecklenburg medals by Saturday next, and asking for instructins as to manner of shipment and the collection of the Bill, has been received.

The medals when completed will be forwarded with the Bill by Express, C.O.D. to Col. Wm Johnston, Committee on medals, Mecklenburg Independence, Charlotte N. C.

In rendering you Bills to Col. Johnston, you will place the value of the silver medals at its equivalent in currency, and also embrace the Engraver's Bills for the dies.

I have written Col. Johnston today upon the subject, and have informed him at about what time to expect the medals.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock May 7th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad.a

Sir:

I have received from Mr. B. F. Stevens, Dispatch Agent at London, the enclosed Bill for a work, which he states in his letter was sent to Philadelphia last December.

Will you be kind enough to inform me if the Report mentioned in the Invoice, was ordered for your Mint.

Please return the Bills with your answer.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 7th, 1875.

Sir:

In the specimen of the medal struck to commemorate the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, sent to me a day or two since, I notice that the word "Mecklenburg" is spelt "Mechlenburgh", an "h" being substituted for "k" in the first syllable, and an "h" added to the "g" in the final syllable.

In all the official documents and papers in my possession, the word is spelt "Mecklenburg", and I would thank you to advise me as to the authority upon which the spelling (as it appears upon the medal) is based.

An early reply is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Col. John H. Wheeler
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

May 7th, 1875.

Sir:

In your examination, preparatory to closing up the Assay Office at Charlotte, you will take an inventory of all dies, collars, punches &c. that may have been left in that Institution since the cessation of coining operations in 1861.

I will also thank you to forward all such dies and collars to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. Y. Bonzano, Esq. May 7th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $443.60 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries —— —— 1875 —— —— —— $298.00

Wages of Workmen — " —— —— —— 145.60

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. Y. Bonzano, Esq. May 7th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your ordinary Expense account for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. May 7th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

Your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31st, 1875, has not yet been received.

Will you be kind enough to forward it.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent

May 7th. 1875.

Mint. San Francisco.

Shall copper be sent overland or via Cape Horn. When will balance of June silver be forwarded to Philad[elphi]a? Has draft been mailed for Leech?

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Telegram. R. E. Rogers,

May 7th. 1875.

1004 Walnut St. Philadelphia.

The purchase of Slate tanks, as suggested, is approved.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq.

May 8th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the Appropriations for the support of your institution for the fiscal years 1874 and 1875. as shown by the books of this Office, and the Office of the First Comptroller, viz:

Salaries — — —	1875 — — —	$1.139.70
Wages of Workmen	— " — —	3.999.95
Contingent Expenses	— " — — —	293.95
Contingent Expenses	— 1874 — — —	200.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 8th 1875.

Sir:

A letter from the Chilian Minister to the Secretary of State, requesting a set of coins and medals of the United States to be forwarded to the International Exposition in that country, having been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, it has been decided to forward a full set of the National, Semi-National and Public medals of the United States.

You are requested and authorized to securely pack in a water-proof box, a complete set of copper bronze medals, from all the public dies in the custody of your mint, and forward the box to the Secretary of the Treasury, marking on the upper left hand corner, the words "for Chilian Exposition".

A copy of this letter duly certified by your chief clerk, will be a sufficient voucher to cover the items in your medal accounts.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

May 8th 1875.

Sir:

Your account of Ordinary Expenses, for the month of April 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

May 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the appropriations for the support of your institution for the current fiscal year, as shown by the books of this office, and the Office of the First Comptroller. viz:

Wages of Workmen	1875	$32,333.34
Contingent Expenses	"	32,322.32
Artesian Well	"	10,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent.

May 8th. 1875.

Mint Philadelphia.

Sends by Express today, to New York Graphic, one copy of Mecklenburg Medal.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

May 8th. 1875.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

It is very desirable that the Doré silver purchased by the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, and transferred to your Office be refined and sent to the Mint at Philadelphia, during the current fiscal year.

I will thank you to confer with the Melter & Refiner and inform me if this can be done.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 8th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the Appropriations for the support of your Mint during the fiscal years 1874 and 1875, as shown by the books of this Office, and the Office of the First Comptroller, viz:

Salaries	1875	$4.290.96
Wages of workmen	"	17,223.06
Contingent Expenses	"	28,828.54
Contingent Expenses	1874	3,130.21

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. Laflrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 8th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, as shown by the books of this Office, and the Office of the 1st. Comptroller, viz:

Salaries	1875	$4.305.75
Wages of workmen	"	33,200.00
Contingent Expenses	"	1.974.84

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 8th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York City.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the appropriations for the support of your institution for the current fiscal year, as shown by the books of this Office, and the Office of the First Comptroller, viz:

Salaries	1875	$10,535.60
Wages of Workmen	"	9,000.
Contingent Expenses	"	3,587.60.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 8th 1875.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the appropriations for the support of your Mint for the current fiscal year, as shown by the books of this Office, and the Office of the First Comptroller, viz:

Salaries	1875	$1,743.12
Wages of Workmen	"	2,552.00
Contingent Expenses	"	797.25

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq. May 8th. 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the appropriations for the support of your office for the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries — —	1875 — —	$ 271.90
Wages of Workmen —	" — —	312.60
Contingent Expenses —	" — —	600.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

M. W. Burgans, Esq. May 8th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to inform you that the following amounts remain to the credit of the appropriations for the support of your mint for the current fiscal year as shown by the books of this office, and the office of the First Comptroller, viz:

Salaries — — —	1875 — —	$ 2,969.17
Wages of Workmen — —	" — —	869.60
Contingent Expenses — —	" — —	4,155.63

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Baron de Bussierres

Director of the Mint

Paris.

May 10th 1875.

Sir:

Permit me to introduce to you, Mr. Pierre de P. Ricketts, of the School of Mines, Columbia College, New York, who visits Europe, with a view to studying the processes pertaining to his profession. I commends him to your kind consideration and courtesy.

With great respect

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Mr. J. Allard

Director of the Mint

Brussels.

Hon. C. W. Freemantle

Dep'y master Royal Mint

London, England.

John Horn Jr.

Detroit, Mich.

May 10th 1875.

Sir:

I wrote some time since to Hon. Moses W. Field, asking him to procure for me three photographs of yourself. I presume however that Mr. Field has been absent from your city, and did not receive my letter, as no reply has arrived at this office.

It is my intention to place your likeness upon the medal authorized to be presented to you by act of Congress, and I would thank you to forward as soon as convenient, one full face, one three quarter, and one side face photograph of yourself, in order that I may select from the three, the one most suitable for the design.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint

Philad.a Pa.

May 10th 1875.

Dear Sir:

I deem it important that the cause or causes of the large percentage of condemned Ingots at your Mint should be ascertained and remedied before the commencement of the next fiscal year, or sooner if possible. There is a wide difference of opinion between the M.E.R. & the Assayer on the subject, and it is quite evident that without a close examination of the subject by a competent person, & one who can devote the necessary time to it without interruption by other duties, we are not likely to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

Having full confidence in the special qualifications of Dr. Bonzano for making an examination of this subject, as well as in his high character, I have detailed him for that duty.

His examination will cover all the operations on the bullion from the Weigh Room, until it comes back from the Coiner in the form of Coins & Clips.

In any tests or experiments which Dr. Bonzano may make, or undertake, you will afford him the requisite facilities.

I invite and request, as I have no doubt we shall receive, the cordial and earnest co-operation of yourself and the operative officers, in this effort to solve the difficult problems which has arisen.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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May 10th, 1875.

Hon. James Pollock
Superintendent &c.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Mr. Henry Cochran, your Weigh Clerk, claims to have invented, after several years investigation, an improvement in bullion balances.

Prof. Hilgard, after hearing the improvement described by Mr. Cochran, informed me that it would remedy a defect in weighing, long recognized, and was an improvement of much merit. This improvement has also received favorable notice from yourself and other officers of the Mint, and appears to possess sufficient merit to justify us in making a practical test of it.

If there is a small bullion balance at the Mint not now in use, you are authorized and requested to allow Mr. Cochran's improvement to be attached to it, and defray the necessary expense thereof from your contingent fund.

If Mr. Jenkins, your Adjuster, cannot spare the time to attend to this work, Mr. Gilbert will, no doubt, be the best person to employ.

After the improvement shall have been attached, the Balance should be tested thoroughly, and if found to possess superior advantages to those now in use, it may then be attached to one or more of the larger balances.

It must of course be understood that as the Government furnishes the balance and defrays the expenses of attaching the improvement, the balance thus improved, will be the property of the United States.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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M. E. Bonzano, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
New Orleans.

May 10th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to my dispatch of the 3d. inst. requesting you to report to this Office for instructions, I have now to request that you will visit the Mint at Philadelphia, and make a thorough examination of the Assayer's, Melter and Refiner's, and Coiner's Departments.

From documents heretofore placed in your hands, you have no doubt learned that the proportion or per-centage of Gold and Silver Ingots condemned, is greatly in excess of that at the Mints at San Francisco and Boarsow, and it is of the highest importance that the cause of such condemnation should be clearly ascertained, in order that the correct remedies may be promptly applied.

To an Officer of your long experience and skill in the coinage manipulations of the precious metals, it is unnecessary to indicate in detail the various points for investigation.

By reference to the accounts and daily records, you will be able to ascertain the character of the bullion ordinarily operated upon, the modes of melting the same, the making up of melts for ingots, the various manipulations in the Coiner's Office, and the percentage of condemned melts.

You are instructed to make the most careful examination, and institute such experiments and tests, as in your opinion may be necessary to determine the various questions at issue, and particularly as to the alleged variation in gold alloys said to be caused by segregation. The frequent variations in fineness of the Silver Ingots, will also be a particular point of inquiry.

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When you shall have completed your examination, you will present a written report of your conclusions to this office.

The Superintendent of the Mint, and the respective operative officers are requested and instructed to afford Dr. Benzans every necessary facility for the discharge of the duties herein enjoined upon him.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Wm. J. Barker
J. Y. L. Schirmer & others
Board of Trade
Denver, Col. T.

May 10th 1875.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 5th inst. enclosing report of the proceedings of the Board of Trade in reference to the location in your City of the proposed Coinage Mint, and inviting me to examine the advantages offered by Denver for the location of a Mint.

In reply I have the honor to state that sometime during the coming summer, probably about 20th June, I will visit your city, and endeavor to ascertain what additional Minting facilities are required to meet the growing bullion interests of your section of the country.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mint

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 10th, 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I recently requested Mr. B. F. Stevens, U. S. Dispatch Agent at London to procure for this Office, a Gold coin of the five peseta of Spain, and in reply to which request, that gentleman sends me the following information furnished him by the Secretary of Legation at Madrid, under date of March 6, 1875.

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In conversation today with the Director of the Spanish Mint, I learn that the 5 peseta gold piece, although provided for by the Figueroas law of 1869, has never been struck, even experimentally.

That law was intended to conform to the French unit, and under it a large amount of silver coinage was put in circulation.

Preparations were made for a corresponding gold coinage, and dies for pieces of 100 pesetas and 25 pesetas were engraved and proof impressions struck, when the Bank of Spain, which held a considerable reserve in the gold coinage of Isabel II, interposed a protest and caused the suspension of the Figueroba law. Consequently the old gold coinage remains the standard of values, and the legal peseta is the old piece of 4 reales, and not the new piece of 3.85 reales intrinsic value, although the reduced silver coinage of the Figueroba law, is current as conventionally equal in value to that of Isabel II.

From 1869 to the end of May 1873, the only gold coins struck by the Spanish Mint have been doblones or isabelinos of 100 reales, from the dies of Isabel II, 1868. The number of these coined during that time was 12,833,855."

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I deem the above information of sufficient importance to warrant me in calling your attention to it.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, H. R. Linderman, Director.

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J. H. Casasanmera, Esq.

May 10th 1875.

Consul General of Chili,
San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor of the 7th of April last, in relation to certain articles for the Chilian Exposition, and to state that the subject is receiving the attention of the officials here, who are charged with such matters, and your request will be complied with as far as it is possible and practicable to do so.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Charles J. Stanch, Esq.

May 10th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing your account amounting to $154.00 for Models and concave impressions of the obverse and reverse of Life Saving Medal of the Second Class &c. is received.

Before payment can be made it is necessary that you render your account in duplicate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. A. Shaw, Esq.

May 10th 1875.

Wyandotte, Kansas.

Sir:

As per request contained in your letter of the 6th inst. I have mailed to your address this day a copy of my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1873.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Col. Wm. Johnston, May 10th 1875.

Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Col.

I have your favor of the 6th inst. and have this day requested the Supt. of the Mint at Philad.a to strike and forward to you five additional Silver medals, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Very truly yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. May 10th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your mint during the current month has been approved for the sum of $2,568.20 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — —	1875 — —	$886.20
Wages of workmen — —	" — —	1.282.00
Contingent Expenses — —	" — —	400.00

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq. May 10th 1875.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Col.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 10th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in Subsidiary silver coin, to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philada. to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of said Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

May 10th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint, Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 1st inst. I send you herewith three blank forms of "Oath of Office" suitable for persons who by reason of participation in the late Rebellion, are unable to subscribe to the form of oath usually administered.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

May 10th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson. Nev.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. requesting the Bill of Lading for the last lot of copper shipped you, I regret to inform you, that through an oversight, the party from whom the copper was purchased failed to get a Bill of Lading with through freight rates stated thereon.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U.S.

Philadelphia.

May 10th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasury of the U.S., the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. R. Es. Rogers,

1004 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

May 10th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing your accounts in duplicate for services rendered at various times between the 29th of July 1874 and 9th of March 1875, by direction of this Office, is received, and has been approved and referred to the proper Accounting Officers for settlement.

I enclose for your guidance in the future the Circular letter of the Secretary of the Treasury relating to allowances for traveling expenses.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

May 11th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the First Auditor for adjustment your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Philad.a Pa.

May 11th 1875.

Small parcel of Silver sent you on fifth instant—
Has it been received?

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 11th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made officials:

"Small parcel of silver sent you on the 5th inst.
Has it been received?

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U. S. Philad.a

May 11th 1875.

Sir:

Will you be kind enough to furnish me with the thickness and diameter of the Draper Medal now in course of preparation at your mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thomas Co. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Offices
New York City.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th. inst. relative to a difference of $28.90 between the balance of your appropriation for Contingent Expenses as shown by the books of the Department, and of your Office, I enclose herewith a copy of the account with this appropriation taken from the books of this Office, from which you will perceive that the difference referred to is probably the bill of Mr. R. E. Preston, amounting to $28.90 for expenses incurred in visiting your institution under my instructions.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

The United States in Ac with Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, 1875.

Dr. Date 1874		$	c	Date 1874.		Cr. $	c
June 20	Amount Appropriated	45.000.	—	July 7	Remittance	5.000.	—
1875				" "	H. C. Johannes - Expenses	52.50	
March 3,	Amount Appropriated	10.000.	—	Aug. 7	Remittance	3.000.	—
	Total	55.000.	—	Sept. 1.	H. R. Linderman, Expenses	31.	—
				" 2	Remittance	5.000.	—
				" 10	R. E. Preston, Expenses	28.90	
				Oct. 5.	Remittance	2.500.	—
				Nov. 5	do	2.000.	—
				Dec. 2	do	5.000.	—
				1875			
				Jan. 7	do	3.500.	—
				Feby 2	do	3.700.	—
				Mar. 5	do	3.300.	—
				Apr. 13	do	13.800.	—
				May 3	do	4.000.	—
				May 4	By Balance	3.587.	60
To Balance					Total	55.000.	—

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Dr. M. J. Brozano.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, and copy of communication from the Melter and Refiner, in which the latter officer states that the deductions allowed under existing regulations on silver obtained by the Zinc process, is not sufficient to protect the Government from loss.

I will thank you to request the Superintendent to furnish you with a sample of the next lot of Bathard Silver that comes to the Mint, and test the same, to see if it contains Zinc, and in what proportion.

After ascertaining that fact, you will please favor me with your view as to whether the deductions on that class of bullion are sufficient under existing regulations to protect the Government against loss.

The Melter and Refiner states that he caused four lots of said silver to be refined separately, and his table shows the loss in weight to be in excess of the deductions made in favor of the M. & R's accounts.

The fineness before and after refining not being given, I am unable to determine whether the item "loss above deduction" represents the actual loss of bullion, or whether the reported loss is made up by an increase in the fineness.

It would also be well to inquire into the mode of refining, and the degree of heat employed in the operation, or in other words whether the operation is, or is not skillfully performed.

Please return the enclosures with your report.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U.S.

Philadelphia.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday, explaining the mistake in spelling "Mecklenburg", and enclosing a corrected medal.

We can both congratulate ourselves in discovering it in time, and you especially in making such a prompt correction.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. Philada.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of yesterday with enclosure from the Melter & Refiner, relative to the amount of silver on hand, I have to inform you, that the proper steps have been taken to secure a sufficient supply for the operations of your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon,

1st. Auditor.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Frank Leslie, Esq.

New York.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst. acknowledging receipt of impressions of the Mecklenburg Medals.

You will notice on the reverse that the word "Mecklenburg" is spelt "Mecklenburgh";-the latter being incorrect, and discovered, fortunately, before the Medals were struck off.

If you intend publishing the designs, I will thank you to correct the word. The official documents in my possession make it Mecklenburg.

I shall be happy to send you fac-similes of other medals when completed.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

May 11th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and instructed to purchase fine Silver to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand (500,000) ounces troy, at the lowest market rate, and not above one hundred and twenty five and a half (125½) cents per ounce fine, and pay for the same in Gold coin from your Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Approved:

B. H. Bristow

Secretary 7th. Treasury

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Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint San Francisco.

May 11th. 1875.

Philadelphia has received only about one fifth of fine silver on account of transfer draft. Balance now required, when may we expect it?

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Philadelphia has received only about one fifth of fine silver on account of transfer draft. Balance now required, when may we expect it?"

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Charles J. Starck, Esq.

611 Nth. 7th. St.

Philad.a

May 11th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to yours of yesterday relative to furnishing a model of the Life Saving Medal to Mr. Paquet, in place of one broken by accident, you are instructed to furnish Mr. Paquet with the model desired.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent

May 11th. 1875.

Assay Office, N. York city.

How soon and what amount of fine silver can you send to Philadelphia Mint, account of Doré lot. Answer.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

May 11th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"How soon and what amount of fine silver can you send to Philadelphia Mint, account of Doré lot?"

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

May 11th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York city.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the accounting officers of the Department, your ordinary Expense Accounts for April, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 11th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:

I have your letter of the 3d. inst. and copies of various papers therein referred to, in relation to the valuation of the Silver Florin of Austria, and the manner of estimating the paper Florin of that Empire, in invoices of goods, coming from that country.

After referring to my letter of July 18th. 1874 to the Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, Department's letter of Oct. 23d. 1874, to the Collector of Customs, New York, and its Circular of January 1. 1875, proclaiming the value of the Standard Coins of the various nations of the world, you request from me "a review of the whole subject, and an expression of my views as to the proper action to be taken, and whether Consuls should certify to the value of any depreciated paper money, bearing the name and circulating, instead of any of the foreign coins mentioned" in your letter, "by comparison with the value of the Silver coin which it represents, and in American Silver Dollars or in American Gold Dollars."

The principal difficulty in connection with estimating and certifying by Consuls, as to the value of the paper Florin of Austria has arisen from the assumption, that Gold and not Silver, is the monetary standard of the Austria-Hungarian Empire.

The U. S. Consul at Vienna in his letter of June 17th. 1874, states, that "it has always been the practice to estimate the value of the paper florin, by comparing it with the daily quotation of the premium of the Silver florin at the Bourse. Recent events, however, have depreciated the Silver Florin, and it is now in no sense a standard of value in this Empire, and the Bourse quotation has become merely nominal".

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He further states, that in consequence of the abrogation of the monetary treaty between Austria and Russia, "the Silver Florin of Austria-Hungary is no longer current in Germany, and is bought and sold as a depreciated coin", and concludes by stating that "there is no commercial use for the silver florin, for, while duties and railway fares are nominally in silver, they are in fact paid in paper, at a rate of exchange fixed monthly in advance, and higher than the rate quoted at the Bourse."

The Consul does not refer to any law authorizing or recognizing the alleged change from the Silver to the Gold standard, but states substantially that the Silver florin has ceased to be the standard of value "because it has been thrown out in Germany".

I have carefully reviewed the whole subject, and find, that as stated in my letter of July 17, 1874, the monetary standard of the Austria-Hungarian Empire is Silver, and not Gold, and that the monetary unit is the Silver florin.

The actual circulating medium of the Empire is a depreciated paper currency, and which being a legal tender, makes gold and silver coins simply articles of commerce; and as the Empire is mostly surrounded by countries of the Gold standard, commercial transactions in Gold coin, no doubt largely exceed those in Silver, as stated by the Consul at Vienna, but this does not alter the fact that the monetary standard is Silver.

The paper currency having been issued during a period while Silver was, as it still is, the legal standard of value, and that metal being now relatively cheaper than Gold, it is not at all probable, that a change from the Silver to the Gold

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standard will be made, until at least after the enormous paper circulation of that Empire shall have been called in, or otherwise disposed of.

In further reply to your inquiry, I am of the opinion, that the lawful and proper basis for the adjustment of international tariffs between Countries of the Silver Standard and the United States, is the quantity of pure Silver contained in the standard coin of such countries, compared with the pure Silver contained in the American Silver Dollar of 420 grains troy, 9/10 fine, issued under the Coinage Act of 1873, and that where depreciated paper currency circulates in the place of any foreign standard silver coin, the value of such paper currency should be estimated in Silver; not in Gold, except in the case of Countries of the double Standard, where Gold should be the basis of comparison, as for example France and Italy, and Consuls should certify accordingly.

The 8 florin-20 franc piece which the Consul at Vienna states to be practically the arbitrator of Exchanges at Vienna, cannot be regarded in any other light than as a Commercial or Trade Coin, having taken the place in the Austria-Hungarian Coinage System, of the gold crowns, and half crowns, which were expressly stated by law, "not to have the attribute of a fixed silver currency as a tender of payments, and that no one is obliged to receive said coins in payment instead of Silver coins."

In conclusion, it appears to be proper to remark, that the present American Silver Dollar on the basis of which the value of foreign standard silver coins was estimated on the 1st of January last, corresponds as near as may be to the market

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value in Gold of the Silver it contains, and being the basis for converting foreign standard silver moneys into the money of account of the United States, removes all complications arising out of the decline during the last ten years in the value of Silver relatively to Gold.

The enclosures are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — May 11th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York City, for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon — May 12th 1875.

1st Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow May 13th 1875.

Secretary 2d Treasury.

Sir:

On the 16th of April last, I had the honor to receive from you copies of certain dispatches from the U.S. Consular Officers in China, relative to the various Taels of that Empire, and their value as compared with the money of the United States, with the request that I would examine and return them to you, with such remarks in relation there to as I might deem appropriate.

Notwithstanding the Chinese cast a coin of an alloy composed of copper, iron and tin, that Empire has in reality no coinage system, but there are certain fixed weights of silver termed Taels, used in mercantile transactions, and consisting of at least ten different varieties.

Much complication in bullion transactions at Chinese Ports arises from the fact that Sycee, or assumed pure Silver, which is made from the refining of American and Mexican Dollars, and other foreign coins, is not of uniform fineness, as it varies from 94 to 98 touch, or from 940 to 980 Thousandths.

The Haikwan Tael appears to be the one employed in all Customs transactions. Authorities do not, however, agree as to its exact weight of fineness. Hake, an acknowledged modern British authority, states the weight at 580 grains troy; and the fineness 980 ‰, while other equally creditable authorities give the weight as 579 84/100, and the fineness varying from 940 ‰ to 980 ‰. The difference in weight is an unimportant fraction.

In estimating the value of the Haikwan or Customs Tael, I have taken 579 84/100 grains troy as the correct weight, and the fineness of the Sycee Silver at 980 ‰, which would give the value in Trade Dollars as $1.503.

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The following Table exhibits the value at Six of the principal ports, of the various taels, at the different rates of Exchange ruling at those ports:

Haikwan Tael		Shanghae Tael		Canton Tael.	
Port	Trade Dollar Value	Port	T. Dollar Value	Port	T. Dollar Value.
Ningpo	1.51.5	Ningpo	1.35,7	Canton	1.38,6
Foochow	1.39,5	Foochow	1.38,6		
Shanghae	1.52,8	Shanghae	1.31,9		
Amoy	1.53,4	Hiinkiang	1.31,7		
Swatow	1.52,4				
Hankow	1.53,4				
Average	1.50,5	Average	1.34,4		"

Ningpo Tael.		Hankow Tael.		Hinkiang Tael.	
Port	T. Dollar Value	Port	T. Dollar Value	Port	T. Dollar Value.
Ningpo	1.43,2	Hankow	1.46,7	Kinkiang	1.38,6

Fortunately for the United States, the successful introduction of the American Trade Dollar into, and its use at the principal ports of China, afford an easy solution of what might otherwise be a difficult question, inasmuch as it participates largely in the practical adjustment of Exchanges and payments, and is preferred by Chinese residents in San Francisco to all other forms of remittance.

I most respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Department, the propriety of instructing our Consuls at the different Chinese Ports, to certify the value of all Tael invoices of goods exported to this country in American Dollars. The enclosures are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Gen. C. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 12th 1875.

Supt. Mint

San Francisco.

Sir:

Prof. Rogers will arrive in your city about 18th inst. and will immediately commence the equipment of improved Nitric acid Refinery in your Mint. The delay which from various causes has occurred in commencing the work, will I think prove fortunate in the end. If we were to erect a Sulphuric acid Refinery I should despair of obtaining a capacity beyond two or three hundred thousand ounces silver per month. With four times as much space at the New York Assay Office as can be devoted to parting in your Mint, the capacity is only abont 200,000 ounces per month. Prof. Rogers claims that his improved process will work 40,000 ounces per day and as cheaply as by the Sulphuric process.

Parting by Sulphuric acid requires a large building or rather series of buildings constructed for the purpose, and for that we have neither the appropriations or time to do. Largely increased parting facilities is what we require immediately, & that point I have kept steadily in view.

In order that Prof. Rogers may not be embarrassed in the prosecution of his work, you will put up a notice excluding all parties from the rooms in which the Refinery is being erected, except those employed in the work. You will strictly enforce this order.

Porcelain Pots have been shipped to you from New York, and Earthern Jars or Pots from Philad^{a}. The latter will be used until Porcelain Pots can be imported from Prussia, the only place where they are manufactured.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Hon. Wm. Johnston,
Charlotte, N. C.

May 12th 1875.

My Dear Sir:

Your despatch requesting, in behalf of the Executive Committee, 300 additional silver medals to be struck, provided they could be delivered by the 20th inst., was received this morning, and after communicating by Telegraph with the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia, I replied that the medals (additional) would be struck and forwarded in time.

The medal is a very beautiful one and not less expressive than beautiful.

Truly yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 12th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday relative to the amount of silver bullion ready for shipment to the Mint, Philad^a and have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a transfer from your Bullion Fund to that of the Philad^a Mint of the sum of $161,532.97 payable in 127,694.05 ounces fine silver bullion.

It is my intention, that as each lot of say, 125,000 ounces is ready for shipment, a transfer draft shall be issued covering the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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J. J. L. Schirmer Esq. May 12th 1875.

Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expenses Account for the month of April 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter addressed to

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office

Charlotte, N. C.

Hon. B. H. Bristow May 12th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office, New York, to that of the Mint, U. S. Philadelphia, of the sum of one hundred and sixty one thousand, five hundred and thirty-two 97/100 dollars, ($161.532.97) payable in 127.694.05 ounces fine Silver bars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent May 12th 1875.

Mint, Philadelphia.

Executive committee Mecklenburg Centennial request three hundred additional Silver medals provided they can be delivered at Charlotte by the 20th inst. Strike and forward them if possible. answer.

H. R. Linderman, Director of the Mint.

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Hon. James Pollock

May 12th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Executive Committee Mecklenburg Centennial request three hundred additional silver medals, provided they can be delivered at Charlotte by the 20th inst. Strike and forward them if possible."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

May 12th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to carefully examine the Porcelain jars in the Refinery for the purpose of ascertaining if the makers' name, or place of manufacture is upon them.

Also to refer to your correspondence of 1853 1854 and 1855, and ascertain to whom the orders were given for the jars.

You will finds letters from J. R. Snowden Esq. to the Secretary of Treasury, under dates of Feby 12, 1855 and Dec. 11. 1855, asking the admission of such jars free of duty at New York.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 12th 1875.

Sir:

I send by Express to-day, a box received from Charlotte, N. C. containing 113 defaced dies, and five collars in fair condition.

You will please examine the dies to see that they are properly defaced, and dispose of them same as is ordinarily done with the defaced dies of your Mint.

The proceeds will be deposited with the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia to the credit of the Assay Office at Charlotte, on account "of sale of old materials, &c."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 12th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday, informing me that you had forwarded by Express, $14.50 in gold coin, the proceeds of a small silver bar belonging to Senator Morrison of North Carolina.

The Express package arrived this morning.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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C. J. Cowles, Esq.

Surveyor in Charge

Charlotte, N. C.

May 12th. 1875.

Sir:

I herewith returns your letter and enclosures of May 10th. in reply to my letter of the 7th. inst., asking for a Statement of your Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31. 1875.

The Statement enclosed by you covers your operations for the months of March, and the former statement was duly received at this office.

What I want particularly is your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the Quarter ending March 31" 1875, not a statement of your deposits &c.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram

Col. Wm. Johnston,

Charlotte, N. C.

May 12th. 1875.

Three Hundred additional Silver medals will be struck and forwarded in time.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

Col. Wm. Johnston,

Charlotte, N. C.

May 12th. 1875.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made Official:

"Three hundred additional Silver medals will be struck and forwarded in time."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon — May 12th. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expenses Account of the Assayer in Charges of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon, — May 12th. 1875.

First Auditor.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter received this day from the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, Cal. in relation to the manner of computing Water Rent in that City.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Geo. M. Ward, Esq. — May 13th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your account for preparing, by direction of Prof. R. E. Rogers, a full set of Working Drawings of Refinery at the New Mint, San Francisco, has been approved and referred to the Supervising Architect for payment.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Mr. J. B. Newton

303 Walnut St. Philadelphia.

May 13th 1875.

Sir:

During my recent visit to the Philada mint I had some conversation with you respecting the shipment of Anthracite Coal to San Francisco for the use of the mints on the Pacific Coast. You expressed the opinion that what is known as Wyoming Coal would be the best quality for our purpose attainable for the present, and until the protracted strike of the miners should be over, and work resumed at Buck Mountain, Conrad Ridge, and Stockton mines.

Please inform me at what price, and how soon you will undertake to ship by Sailing Vessel, via Cape Horn, to the U. S. Mint, San Francisco, 450 tons Wilkesbarre Coal - grate size, and 20 tons Ingot Copper, Refinery of Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore, suitable for alloying gold coin. Also furnish me the rates for freight &c.

As verbally explained to you, the foregoing articles are intended for the use of the Mints at San Francisco and Carson during the next fiscal year, and if furnished by you will be settled here, out of next years appropriation, which becomes available on and after July 1st next.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 13th. 1875.

Sir:

Section 9 of the Coinage Act requires, whenever an Operative Officer is temporarily absent from duty, the Superintendent to appoint with the consent of said Officer, some person attached to the Mint to act in the place of the absent Officer, and all such appointments to be forthwith reported to the Director for his approval. This provision of law seems to have been disregarded at your Mint.

I will thank you to explain how this is, and in future to observe the provision referred to, except in cases where the absence does not exceed two days.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis.

May 13th. 1875.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your letter of the 10th. inst. asking that the diameter and thickness of the Draper medal may be sent to Mr. Burlingame, New York, I have this day sent the information as requested.

Supt. Pollock states the diameter will be 1 7/8 inches, and the thickness about 3/16 inch, but the latter will be somewhat regulated by the limit of gold ordered to be used.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Albert Wolters, Esq.

May 13th 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I return herewith for correction Gold Bullion Warrant No. 152 & Assay Receipt, and Assay Receipt belonging to Gold Bullion Warrant No. 162, the same being a part of your Bullion Accounts for the First Quarter, 1875.

Warrant No. 152 & the Receipt accompanying it are both made payable to H. Es. Abernathy, while the endorsement on the Receipt and on the Warrant are signed He. He. Abernathy. If this is the same person named as depositor the initials should be identical, and if another person, the endorsement of the depositor authorizing him to receive the money is necessary.

Assay Receipt No. 162 is signed by the Melter. The law requires that it be signed by the Superintendent or some one authorized to sign for him. If signed by Mr. Henschkel, it must be "albert Wolters, Superintendent per R. Henschkel."

Please correct the enclosed in these particulars & return to this Office at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

J. J. L. Schirmer, Esq.

May 13th 1875.

Assayer &c. U. S. Mint
Denver. Col.

Sir:

Your Bullion Accounts for the quarter ending March 31st 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

May 13th. 1875.

Supt. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

By direction of this Office Prof. R. E. Rogers, of Philadelphia visited the Assay Office, N.Y. in Sept. 1874. for the purpose of devising a remedy for correcting the acid fumes, of which great complaints had been made by the business community.

His account amounting to $30. for services and expenses, has been approved and payment directed to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Albert Wolders, Esq.

May 13th. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office
Boise, City.

Sir;

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the current month has been approved for the sum of $1,135.99 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — —	1875 — — —	$579.40
Wages of Workmen — —	" — — —	306.59
Contingent Expenses — —	" — — — —	250.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco.

May 13th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 29th. ult. reporting the purchase of silver for the week ending April 24th. 1875, on accounts of the Philadelphia Mint, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

In future you will report as "purchased" only such amounts of silver as are actually delivered to you & paid for. And where parties agree to sell and deliver you will report it as "contracted" for. — H. R. L.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 13th. 1875.

Sir:

I have to inform you of the following shipments of articles for the New Refinery at your Mint, as per invoices received at this Office.

May 6th — via Pennsylvania R. R. Co:
10 Cast Iron Melting Pots

May 11th — via Overland fast freight line.
15 Porcelain Jars.

May 11th — via Pacific Mail Steamship Co.
10 Trucks.
40 Wheels.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Genl. O. H. Langrange,
Supt. Mint. S. F.

May 13th. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to the pay roll of the Refinery I suggest that the title of H. B. Linderman be changed from that of "Superintendent" to "Foreman". I make this suggestion for the reason that the title of "Superintendent" belongs to Prof. Rogers, and it should not appear upon the roll Twice.

Respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Charles J. Stanch, Esq.
Philadelphia.

May 13th. 1875.

Sir:

Your account for models and plaster casts of Life Saving Medals of the second class, has been approved and properly referred for payment which will be made you in the course of a few days.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thos. L. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 13th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th. inst. enclosing in duplicate Bills Lading for shipment of 15 Porcelain Jars to U. S. Mint San Francisco, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,

May 13th. 1875.

Supt. Construction Refinery
U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Sir:

If practicable I will thank you to have the working Drawings of Refinery at the new Mint, San Francisco, prepared under your direction by George M. Ward, Esq. of Philadelphia, Photographed or Traced for the use of this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. W. Raymond,

May 13th 1875.

U. S. Commr. Mining Statistics
New York.

Sir:

Your account for the quarter ending March 31st. 1875. has been received and referred to the accounting Officers for Settlement.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Messrs. Wm. L. Boyer, & Bro.

May 13th 1875.

Philadelphia. Pas.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing your account and Bill of Lading for Platform Trucks &c. shipped U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received.

I will thank you to render your account in duplicate.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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E. L. Burlingame, Esq. May 13th. 1875.

531 Broadway

New York.

Sir:

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis of this City, having requested that I should furnish you with the thickness and diameter of the Draper Medal, I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Supt. of the Philada Mint, giving the information desired.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. May 13th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th. inst. advising me of the nomination of William P. Prescott to act as Assayer during the temporary absence of Mr. Wirt Hopkins.

The nomination of Mr. Prescott is hereby approved.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq. May 13th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Mint

Carson City. Nev.

Sir:

I have received the Oaths of Office of the following employés of your Mint, viz:

S. R. Noyes — Yardman

H. C. Alley — Helper.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director

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Messrs. Powers & Weightman — May 13th. 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your account for 12 Large Earthern Pots, shipped by you to the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco, is received.

I will thank you to render the account in duplicate, and transmit Bill Lading to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

William Smith, Esq. — May 14th. 1875.

Care, G. W. Bailey, Phoenix P.O.

Jackson. Co. Oregon.

Sir:

Your letter of April 19th. enclosing sample of ore, is received.

The Mint charges for assaying ore, is five dollars. On receipt of that amount, the result of the Assay will be transmitted to you in due course of business.

Respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Albert Wolters, Esq. — May 14th. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense account for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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E. S. Drone, Esq.

May 14th, 1875.

551 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday relative to the valuation of the Silver Rouble of Russia, and reply as follows:

In the Circular issued by the Department, Jany 1st, 1874, the value of the Russian Silver Rouble was fixed in our money of account at 77.17 cents. This valuation was based on the assumption that the relative value of Silver and Gold was as 15½ to 1.

In computing the value of the standard foreign silver coins for the year 1875, it became necessary to take into account the decline which had taken place in Silver relatively to Gold, during the last few years, and the nominal value of the American Trade Dollar corresponding with the average Gold value in the London market during the year 1874 of the quantity of pure silver it contains, it was decided to measure the value of foreign silver coins by the Silver dollar referred to, and under which rate of valuation the value of the Silver Rouble in the Circular of Jany 1, 1875 was fixed at 73.4 cents.

The weight of the Trade Dollar is 420 grains troy 9/10 fine, or 378 grains pure silver, and being stamped as a Dollar in U. S. money gives the relative value of silver to Gold as 16.27 to 1.

I enclose Circular of Jany 1st, 1875, proclaiming the value of foreigns standards coins.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 14th. 1875.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of letter of yesterday from the Asst. Secretary of the Treasury, informing me that directions have been given for the transfer of 30,000 Gold Dollars from the Office of the U. S. Treasurer to the Bullion Fund of your Mint.

You are hereby authorized to cause these pieces to be individually weighed, and manufacture into Double Eagles such pieces as you may think it inexpedient under the law to pay out. The loss on such recoinage as may be necessary, will be defrayed out of the Appropriation of the current year for that purpose.

You will furnish a Statement of the loss on the amount recoined, in order that a draft, payable in Gold, may be sent you to reimburse your Bullion Fund.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. Philada.

May 14th. 1875.

Sir:

Please send me five Mecklenburg Medals in silver. I enclose $2.50 gold to pay for silver contained. I suppose the silver to be worth about 50 cts. gold each.

At the same time please send 25 Mecklenburg Medals bronze, for official distribution.

Respectfully yours
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 14th 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of yesterday stating that you had forwarded 300 additional Silver Mecklenburg Medals to Col. Wm Johnston, Charlotte, N.C.

I embrace the present opportunity to express my appreciation of the services rendered by yourself, the Coiner & Engraver in preparing in such a satisfactory manner, and forwarding so promptly, the Medals referred to.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Superintendent
Mint, San Francisco.

May 14th 1875.

Doré Silver at New York Assay Office will not all be refined until time for Annual Settlement. Cannot make further answer until your letter of yesterday is received.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U.S.
San Francisco.

May 14th 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made Official:

"Doré Silver at New York Assay Office, will not all be refined until time for Annual Settlement. Cannot make further answer until your letter of yesterday is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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Telegram. Superintendent

May 14th 1875.

Mint. San Francisco.

Arrangements with Balbach & Son for parting bullion will probably be made soon, which with increased capacity now being provided at Assay Office will enable us to bridge over until new Refinery can be got ready.

H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. La Grange, Esq.

May 14th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

Sir:

A Telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Arrangements with Balbach & Son for parting "bullion will probably be made soon, which with "increased capacity now being provided at Assay "Office will enable us to bridge over until new "Refinery can be got ready."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

George Philler Esq.

May 14th 1875.

President, First National Bank

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Acknowledging receipt of your dispatch of This date, I regret To state, That previous engagements which will require all of tomorrow to fill, will prevent my attendance at the meeting of your Committee. I am,

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Thos. C. Acton

May 14th 1875.

Supt U. S. Assay Office

Sir:

The enclosed papers, which I herewith transmit to you, were received here today. There appears to be some discrepancies between the New York and Philadª Assays. Will you please carefully examine the tabular statements, and return to this Office, together with such explanation as you may be able to furnish.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 14th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir.

I will thank you to transmit to this Office at an early day, a detailed Statement of the Doré Silver purchased at San Francisco, and sent to your Office to be refined.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Jules Berton, Esq.

May 14th 1875.

San Francisco. Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. accompanied by your report upon the Consolidated Virginia and California Silver Mines of Nevada, is received, for which be pleased to accept my thanks.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Henry Linderman, Esq.

May 14th 1875.

710 Market St

Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. enclosing your account for Balances and Weights furnished this Office, has been received, approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for Settlement, and in the course of a few days, a draft will be sent you for the amount.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. Le. Acton, Esq.

May 15th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday in reference to the offer of 10,000. Peruvian Sols by J. B. Colgate & Co. at the market rate, or the equivalent of 1.25 1/4 for their content of fine silver, I concur with you in the opinion that the settlement must be made on the Assay of your Office.

I cannot see the necessity for a second melt at Philadelphia in the case of these coins, and if you will be so good as to call my attention to the question when the bars from the coins referred to are about to be transferred to Philadelphia, I will probably direct them to be taken on your Assay.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co. May 15th 1875.

Baltimore

Gentlemen:

You are requested to ship by rail to "J. L." Sacramento Cal." five tons of Ingot Copper of the best quality.

The Copper is required for the Mint at Carson, and you will be kind enough to transmit your bills in duplicate to this Office in the name of that Mint, contract for freight at Through rates, procure Bills of Lading in duplicate, and transmit the same to this Office, with your accounts.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 15th 1875.

Superintendent, &c.

San Francisco. Cal.

Sir:

I have sent to your address by this day's mail twelve (12) copies of the "Instructions and Regulations" governing the Mint Service, as per request contained in your letter of the 6th inst.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq. May 15th 1875.

Supt. &c. San Francisco

Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of May 5th enclosing Postal Money orders for $190. which have been handed to Mr. Leech in payment for money advanced to Mr. Johannes for traveling expenses to San Francisco.

Very respectfully H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

May 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150.000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia, to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint of the U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 15th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested The Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.) in Subsidiary Silver coin to be transferred from your Bullion Fund to the Treasurer of the U. S.; the charge for the transportation of the same to be paid by you from "Silver Profit Fund."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq. May 15th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing in duplicate bills for expenses paid by you for packing & shipping 15 large Porcelain Refining Pots shipped U. S. Mint San Francisco $36.14 and bills for specimen coins purchased for the Cabinet of this Office $5.12 in all $41.26 is received, and in the course of a few days drafts will be remitted you for the amount.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. W. Raymond. May 15th 1875.

U. S. Comm'r. Mining Statistics
New York.

Sir:

Referring to the verbal request made by you when here a few days since, that you be furnished with 300 copies of your last report when printed, I have to inform you that it will be necessary for you to make your application in writing to the Secretary of the Treasury for the same.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Hon. Wm Johnston, May 17th 1875.

Charlotte, N. C.

The additional medals will be forwarded from Philad.a tonight or tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman. Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 17th 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 5th inst. in relation to a discrepancy between the balance of the Appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your institution for the current fiscal year as shown by the Accounts of this Office and of the Mint, I enclose for your information a statement of the accounts with this appropriation.

The Statement herewith sent you corresponds with the books of the Offices of the First Comptroller and the Secretary of the Treasury, and you will, therefore, please correct the books of your Mint accordingly.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Franco

May 17th 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your Mint for the month of May, 1875, has been approved for the sum of $34.164.84 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries — — — — —	1875	$2,190.00
Wages of Workmen — —	"	30,000.00
Contingent Expenses — —	"	1.974.84

It was found necessary to reduce the amount of your Requisition for Contingent Expenses from $2,500.00 to $1.974.84, this latter amount being the balance to the credit of the appropriation.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman, Director.

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C. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 17th 1875.

Sir:

I have decided to instruct all the Mints and Assay Offices to bring the monthly rate of expenditure for "Wages of Workmen" on and after the 1st of July next, within the one twelfth of the total appropriation under that head.

I give you notice in advance, in order that you may have sufficient time to consider the arrangements which will be necessary to carry out these instructions.

It will be necessary for you to consider whether the rate of wages paid may not, in many cases, be reduced, and thus enable you to retain a force sufficient to meet promptly the work devolving upon the Mint.

As at present advised, I consider that the compensation allowed the adjusters greater than is necessary, and I am further of the opinion, that the limit of one half grain in the adjustment of Trade Dollar blanks may be safely increased to one grain, and will render a less number of adjusters necessary.

In arranging to observe the above instructions you will be careful to select your force so as to render changes unnecessary.

Frequent appointments and removals are calculated to injure the Mint in public estimation, and should be avoided as far as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram.

Superintendent Mint.

San Francisco, California.

May 17th 1875.

We will consider offer for one million Dollars, or any part thereof unparted Comstock Bullion, approximate value ascertained by chips assays at your mint to be paid in gold coin, and final settlement made on melt and assay at Philadelphia Mint or New York Assay Office.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"We will consider offer for one million dollars or any part thereof unparted Comstock Bullion, approximate value ascertained by chips assay at your mint to be paid in gold coin, and final settlement made on melt and assay at Philadelphia Mint or New York Assay Office."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 17th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information Duplicate Bill of Lading for 15 Porcelain jars shipped for Refinery from New York Assay Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 17th. 1875.

Sir:

In your letter of the 5th. inst. you state the cost of the Metis medal in Gold at about $150.

It has been decided to have the medals struck in Gold.

I send you herewith list of names of the ten persons who are to receive these medals, in order that you may have the names properly engraved before forwarding the medals to this Office.

The sum available for the payment of the cost of these medals, is $1,425.25, and I trust it will be found practicable to make each medal contain pay $140., which will leave $25.25 to pay for ten cases at say $2.50 each, in which to place the medals.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 17th. 1875.

Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letters of the 7th. and 15th. insts. I herewith return the Regulations for the Mint, with my approval, and some slight modifications.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Philadelphia.

May 17th 1875.

Sir:

I am advised by the Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office New York, that he has received from Messrs. Seidlaw & Co. fine silver to reimburse him for amount paid for freight on the Doré silver purchased in San Francisco and sent the Assay Office to be refined, and that the same viz: 11.326.97 oz @ 999 ‰ = 11.315.64 oz. @ 1.000 ‰ = 12,572.93 oz standard will be transmitted to the Mint by Adams Express Co. to-day for conversion into subsidiary silver coin.

You are hereby authorized to return to the Superintendent of the Assay N. Y. the equivalent of the silver above referred viz: $15,642.84 in half dollars. This course has been adopted in order to avoid complications in the accounts of the Assay Office and the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. &c. &c.

May 17th 1875.

Dear Sir:

What has become of the 20 cent Dies? If not yet ready, when will they be finished and forwarded to S. F. and Carson. You must make a run of that denomination as soon as everything is in readiness.

Respectfully Yours

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Post Master

Detroit, Mich.

May 17th. 1875.

Sir:

Under an Act of the 43d. Congress, John Horn, Jr. of the City of Detroit, is entitled to a medal for saving life from drowning &c.

I have addressed a letter to the gentleman named, but failing to receive a reply, I have to ask you to be so kind as to forward his address to this Office, in order that I may correspond with him upon the subject of the proposed medal.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

M. E. Bonzano, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

New Orleans,

May 17th. 1875.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th. inst. suggesting application for entry free of duty of Chemical Apparatus shipped from Havre, for the use of the Assay Dept. of your Mint, I have to inform you that I have this day made application to the Secretary for remission of duties on the goods referred to.

I return as requested, the Bills of Lading.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegrams.

Mrs. E. J. Phillips

San Francisco, Cal.

May 17th. 1875.

Can do nothing at present.

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow May 17th 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I am informed by the Superintendent of the Mint U. S. New Orleans, of the arrival at that port of the Steamer "Hannover" from Havre, having on board as part of her cargo, two boxes containing "Chemical Apparatus" for the New Orleans Mint.

I have the honor to request that the apparatus may be admitted free of duty at the Custom House, New Orleans, the same being for the use of the Assay Department of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director

Messrs. Wm. L. Boyer & Bro. May 17th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

Your account for Platforms Trucks ordered by Prof. R. E. Rogers for the Mint of the U. S. at San Francisco has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft will be remitted you for the amount $310.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint. May 17th 1875.

Philad'a. Pa.

Mailed yesterday despatch from Col. Johnston, requesting five hundred additional silver medals, when will you forward same.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint

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Albert Wolters, Esq. May 17th. 1875.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office

Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have this day referred to the Accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment, your Ordinary Expense Account for April, 1875.

The attention of the Auditor has been called to an overpayment of 77 cents made in computing the compensation of Johann P. Adelman, Watchman in your institution.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. L. Alston, Esq. May 17th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th inst. stating that you would ship the fine silver received from Mess. Saidlaw & Co. in payment of freight on Doré silver from San Francisco to the Mint Philadelphia by Express to-day, is received. The Superintendent of the Mint has been this day instructed to return you the equivalent $15,642.84 in half dollars.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. D. W. Mahon
1st Auditor.

May 17th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City for April, 1875.

Your attention is called to an overpayment of $0.77 in computing the amount of compensation due Johann P. Adelman, Watchman, for 28 days service at $1200.00 per annum.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Prof. R. W. Rogers,
San Francisco.

May 17th 1875.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft no. 46536 for $191.5/100 issued in payment of your account of expenses rendered to this Office a few days since.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Messrs. Powers & Weightman
Philadelphia.

May 17th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your account for Carthom Pots shipped the U. S. Mint at San Francisco has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in the course of a few days a draft will be sent you for the amount, $138.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City, Nev.

May 17th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Requisition for funds, to meet the expenses of your Mint during the current month, has been approved for the sum of $27,050.00 from the following appropriations, viz:

Salaries	1875	$2,050.00
Wages of Workmen	"	10,000.00
Contingent Expenses	"	15,000.00

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. &c.
Carson City.

May 17th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint of the U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 18th. 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th. instant enclosing Statement showing values and denomination of Subsidiary silver coins belonging to the Bullion Fund contained in the Cashiers Vault May 8th. 1875, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.

May 18th, 1875.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office, as soon after the 30th of June next as may be convenient, the following Statements:

1st. Deposits of Gold and Silver Bullion for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1875.

2d. Localities from whence deposits were derived.

3d. Bars prepared.

4th. Earnings and Expenditures.

The Statements asked for can be made out upon the blank forms used in presenting your monthly and Quarterly Reports to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Similar letter addressed to

J. F. L. Schirmer, Esq.
Assayer in Charge, Mint U. S.
Denver.

A. J. Wolters
Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office
Boise, Idaho.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

James Crawford, Esq.

May 18th, 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with an estimate of your Contingent Expenses for the months of May and June of the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

May 18th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward as soon after the 30th. of June next, as may be convenient, the following statements.

1st. Deposits and Purchases of Golds and Silver Bullion for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1875.
2d. Localities from whence deposits were derived.
3d. Coinage. (Pieces and value)
4th. Bars prepared.
5th. Earnings & Expenditures.

The foregoing Statements can be made upon the blank forms used in presenting your monthly and Quarterly Reports to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

You will also report the number of Gold, Silver & Bronze Copper Medals struck during the year, also, the number of new Medal Dies prepared.

Hon. James Pollock

May 18th. 1875.

Supt. Mint, Philad.a Pa.

Sir:

Will you please request Prof. Booth, your Melter & Refiner, to furnish me through you, copies of the correspondence between him and the Melter & Refiner of the Carson Mint, so far as it relates to mint business, Mint Regulations, rulings of the Director &c.

Your immediate attention is requested.

Oblige very respty
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 18th. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office as soon after the 30th. of June next as may be convenient, the following Statements for the Annual Report of the current fiscal year.

1st.— Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion for the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1875.

2d.— Localities from whence deposits were derived.

3d.— Coinage (Pieces and Value)

4th.— Bars prepared.

5th.— Earnings & Expenditures.

The foregoing Statements can be made out upon the blank forms used in presenting your monthly and Quarterly Reports to this Office.

In addition to the above, I wish thank you to obtain if possible, the average monthly Quotations for Trade Dollars for each month of the calendar year 1874, and for each month of the six months ending June 30th. 1875, and embody the same in a Report to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED STATES

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 18th. 1875.

Sir:

Your Statement of the Condition of your Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 30th. ult. is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.

May 18th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson. Nev.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward to this Office, as soon after the 30th. of June next as may be convenient, the following statements:

1st. — Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1875.

2d. — Localities from whence deposits were derived.

3d. — Coinage. (Pieces and values)

4th. — Bars prepared.

5th. — Earnings and Expenditures.

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Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Thos. E. Acton, Esq.

May 18th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. enclosing detailed Statement of Dore Silver purchased at San Francisco and refined at your Office, is received.

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a draft to be issued transferring the net value ($1.017.018.22) of the bullion above referred to from the Bullion Fund of the Mint San Francisco to that of your Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 18th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

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3d._ Bars prepared.

4th._ Earnings & Expenditures.

The foregoing Statements can be made out on the blank forms used in presenting your monthly and Quarterly Reports to this Office.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 18th. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause a transfer to be made from the Bullion Fund of the Mint at San Francisco, to that of the U. S. Assay Office at New York, of one million seventeen thousand and eighteen 22/100 dollars ($1,017,018.22) payable in 505,422.40 ozs Dore Silver purchased by the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, and refined by the Assay Office New York, and containing gold of the Coining value of $407,758.93 and silver of the value of $609,259.29.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

Supt. Mint. U.S.

Philadelphia.

May 18th. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of yesterday in which you request me to inform you when and by whom the 9th. Section of the Coinage Act had been disregarded, I have to say, that my understanding of the law is, that while specific provision is made for the Chief Clerk to act in the place of a Superintendent during his temporary absence, it requires "some person attached to the Mint" to be appointed to represent an operative Officer during his absence from the Mint. No such appointments having been submitted for my approval, I naturally inferred that the Section referred to was disregarded, and my attention was especially drawn to the subject, by incidentally learning that the Coiner had left Philadelphia for an absence of several days.

I did not mean to say that you had not observed the law in respect to your own absences, but what I did mean was, that the provision was disregarded by the operative Officers absenting themselves without a temprary appointment being made by you with their consent, and reported to the Director for his approval.

It will be necessary in future for you to make a temprary appointment in such cases, as required by the 9th. Section of the Coinage Act, and report the same for the approval of this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

Supt. &c. Mint. U.S.

Philada

May 18th. 1875.

Sir:

With some trouble I have procured a copy of the Report of the Japanese Mint, for the year ending July 31st, 1874, and as it contains some information relative to variations in Silver Ingot melts &c. I send it herewith and request that after you have no further use for it, it be returned to this Office.

The explanation in relation to silver clippings being uniformly of less fineness than the original ingots is clear and simple, and is no doubt correct.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Henry J. Morris, Esqr.

Philadelphia.

May 18th. 1875.

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Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. enclosing in duplicate Bill Lading for Cast Iron Pots shipped U. S. Mint, San Francisco, is received.

On the 1st. of May, your account for the Pots above mentioned was received at this Office, and referred to Prof. Rogers for his approval, and I regret to inform you that the same has not been returned by him.

You will therefore render and transmit a duplicate of the account to this Office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

San Francisco.

May 18th, 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith detailed Records of Doré Silver purchased at San Francisco on Government account, and refined at U. S. Assay Office, New York, dated April 30th 1875, on the basis of which, finial settlement with the seller of the bullion will now be made, and this office advised accordingly.

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a draft to be issued for the transfer from the Bullion Funds of your Mint to that of the Assay Office New York, of one million seventeen thousand and eighteen 2/100 dollars, ($1,017,018.22) being the net value of the bullion above referred to.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

Supt. &c. San Franc°

May 18th, 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith blank forms of the abstracts for "Deposits of Gold Bullion" "Deposits of Silver Bullion" and "Purchases of Silver Bullion" which I have decided to adopt for use at all the coining mints and the Assay Office at New York, from and after the first of July next, and which will be supplied you through this Office.

I have therefore to request that you will inform me without delay the number of sheets under each head that will be required for the use of your mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Similar letter to

Jas. Crawford, Esq.

Supt. Mint, U. S.

Carson, Nevada.

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Jas. Crawford, Esq.

May 18th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have received the oath of office of Morrison Fellows Laborer in the General Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

James Crawford, Esq.

May 18th. 1875.

Supt. of the Mint

Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Your Statement of Bullion Operations during April 1875, shows the number of melts of Gold Ingots as 184, and Silver 6.

Judging from the amount of bullion operated upon, am I right in supposing these figures to have been transposed in filling the Statement.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Telegram.

L. A. Garnett,

May 18th. 1875.

416 Montgomery St. San Francisco.

Will consider proposition for sale to us at Carson Mint of one to five hundred thousand dollars unparted Comstock bullion to be transferred East for parting, payment by Checks on San Francisco.

H. R. Linderman, Director Mint.

Telegram.

Hon. John P. Jones,

May 18th 1875.

St. James Hotel, New York City.

If you are not coming here soon I will come to New York this week to see you. necessary to confer with you respecting some matters at Carson. Answer.

H. R. Linderman. Director Mint.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
San Francisco.

May 19th 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letters of May 1st enclosing list of employés in the Refinery, and their compensation.

Also letters of May 10th reporting the appointments of A. McQuade, Painter at a compensation of $5.50 per day from May 1st and making certain corrections in and additions to the list of employés, enclosed in your letter of the 1st inst.

The list of employés as modified by your letters of the 10th inst. will be as follows. (For list see Appointment Books.) + + + + + + +

The force of plumbers appears to be quite large. I shall expect you and Professor Rogers not to retain or employ any larger number of persons than can be advantageously employed in the construction of the Refinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 19th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to furnish this Office with an explanation of the following entry in your statement of the condition of the Mint at the close of the month of April (30) 1875, viz. "unsettled exchange of unparted Bars" $103,634.11.

Your early attention is requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Stephen P. Russel, Jr.

54 West 9th St.

New York.

May 19th 1875.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury has been referred to this office, and I reply to your inquiries as follows:

I have never heard that a reward for the discovery of tin within the United States was ever offered by the public authorities, or that such a proposition was ever introduced in Congress.

The first discovery of tin within the Territory of the United States, was made many years since by President Hitchcock, State Geologist at Goshen, Mass. See Finals Report on the Geology of Massachusetts 1-205.

For particulars as to form in which tin is generally found, see Chapter V. "Tin". Section 1. page 198. Whitney's Metallic Wealth of the United States.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co.

Baltimore, Md.

May 18th 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing your bill in duplicate and duplicate Bill of Lading for 10,000. lbs Ingot copper shipped the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount $2,300.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Mr. F. Brunzard, Esq.

May 19th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

New Orleans.

Sir:

I transmit herewith communications from the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia of the 13th. inst. enclosing communication from the Melter and Refiner in reference to the loss on certain bars from the New York Assay Office. Also letter from the Supt. 7th Assay Office on the same subject.

I will thank you to examine this question, and give me your opinion as to the causes of the difference between the assay value at New York and Philadelphia, returning the papers with your reply to this office.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Prof. R. W. Raymond

May 19th. 1875.

U. S. Commr. Mining Statistics,

New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th. inst. enclosing Duplicate Receipt of A. Eilers for $750. belonging to your accounts for the first quarter 1875, is received.

Your letter of the 15th. inst. making a request for as many copies of your last Report as could be spared, has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

I understand that it has been decided to divide the 500 copies (directed to be printed for the Secretary & Commissioner) with you, which of course will give you 250 copies. L.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday informing me of the shipment of one box containing medals for the Chilian Exposition, and enclosing Vouchers and medal list.

The box of medals arrived this morning.

I herewith return the vouchers duly signed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent Mint
Philadª Pa.

May 19th. 1875.

Please send me ten dollars in twenty cent coins to-day care U. S. Assay Office New York C. O. D.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day, is hereby made official:

"Please send me ten dollars in twenty cent coins today, care of U. S. Assay Office, New York, C. O. D."

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint. U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 19th 1875.

Sir:

I have received from Mr. Thos. J. Durant of this city, a letter asking that the box of coins, known as the Chilton collection, and sent to your Mint some time since for examination, may be returned to New Orleans.

Will you be kind enough to have the box sent by Adams Express to "George Wigg" New Orleans.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Pollock, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 19th 1875.

Sir:

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing certificate of deposit for twenty five thousand dollars ($25,000.) on account of profits on Minor Coinage, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

The Report of Bullion Operations in the Melters and Refiners' Dept. of your Mint for the months of April has not been received.

Will you be kind enough to forward it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Philadelphia.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith blank forms of the abstracts for "Deposits of Gold Bullion," "Deposits of Silver Bullion", and "Purchases of Silver Bullion", which I have decided to adopt for use at all the Coining Mints, and the Assay Office at N. Y. from and after the first of July next, and which will be supplied you through this Office.

I have therefore to request that you will inform me without delay the number of sheets under each head that will be required for the use of your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30th. 1876.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Private.

Hon. Jas. Pollock
Supt. &c. Philada.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

Dr. Bonzano would like to have the aid of his old foreman at the New Orleans Mint, Mr. Thomas Liedmann, whom he expects to arrive in your city from Chicago, every day.

I have requested Dr. Bonzano in a letter of today to confer with you respecting the employment of Mr. Liedmann.

I think you had better call Mr. Liedmann a special Employé, and assign him to duty under the direction of Dr. Bonzano, at such compensation and cost of living as you and Dr. Bonzano may think proper.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman. Director.

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James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 19th, 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information duplicate bill of Messrs. Pope, Cole & Co., and Bill Lading for 10.000. lbs. Ingot copper shipped by them for the use of your Mint as requested in your letter of the 7th inst. to this Office.

The bill of Messrs. Pope, Cole and Co. has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for settlement, payment to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City. Nev.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir;

I have this day referred to the accounting Officers of the Department for adjustment your Ordinary Expense account for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegrams.

Hon. John P. Jones,
St. James Hotel, New York.

May 19th. 1875.

Please call at United States Assay Office tomorrow any hour between twelve and three P. M. Important to see you. I come over to-night.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. J. Durant, Esq.

May 19th. 1875.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of yesterday, I have today instructed the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint to return to George Wigg, Esq. New Orleans the box of coins belonging to the estate of the late Professor Chilton.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Personal.

M. Y. Bonzano, Esq.

May 19th. 1875.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 18th inst. and have to say that I will be in Philadelphia on Friday next, and will confer with you respecting the various suggestions contained in your letter.

I have written Supt. Pollock today, relative to the appointment of Mr. Liedemann. Please confer with him on the subject.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. D. W. Mahon.

May 19th. 1875.

1st. Auditor.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for adjustment the Ordinary Expense Account of the Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Prof. R. E. Rogers,
Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

I send herewith for your information, copy of a letter addressed to the Supt. of the Mint, San Francisco, relative to the employment of workmen in the construction of the new Refinery.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

O. Ho. Laforange, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
San Francisco.

May 19th. 1875.

Sir:

Your abstract Book of Gold and Silver Deposits for the 1st. quarter, and Assayer's Reports of Silver Deposits and Purchases for the same time, and during the month of April 1875, are received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Balbach & Son,
Smelting Works.
Newark. N.J.

May 19th. 1875.

Please meet me at assay Office New York City about noon tomorrow.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

May 20th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Gentlemen:

When you ship the Copper Gunmisters ordered sometime since for the Carson Mint, I have to request that you will have the boxes containing the same marked simply "J. C." Sacramento, Calo

You will ship at through freight rates and send duplicate Bills Lading to this Office.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis.

Acting Director.

Henry D. Morris, Esq.

May 20th 1875.

Philadelphia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. enclosing duplicate Invoice of Cast Iron Pots shipped by you to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount $295.65.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Thomas C. Acton, Esq.

May 20th 1875.

Superintendent &c.

New York.

Sir:

As per request contained in your communication of the 19th inst. I have sent to your address by todays mail 12 copies of the last annual report of the Director of the Mint.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 20th 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to transmit to this Office without delay, copies of all blanks forms in use at your Mint.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson. Nev.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 20th 1875.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your information Bills Lading for (10) Ten Cast Iron Pots shipped by Henry G. Morris, Philadelphia, to your Mint, by direction of Prof. R. E. Rogers.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 20th 1875.

Sir:

I have this day received your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April, 1875.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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M. Y. Brazano, Esq.

May 20th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. U.S.

New Orleans.

Sir:

A letter from the Secretary of the Treasury dated 19th inst. has been received at this Office, stating that the Collector of the Port of New Orleans has been instructed to admit free of duty, two boxes of Chemical Apparatus, shipped per Steamer "Hanover" from Havre, for the use of the Assay Department of your Mint.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Hon. B. H. Bristow

May 21st. 1875.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have to respectfully request that you will cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia to the Treasurer of the United States, the charges for transportation of the same to be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint from the "Silver Profit Fund" thereof.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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Telegram. H. R. Linderman,

May 21st. 1875.

Mint Philadelphia.

No dispatches received from West.

M. V. Davis,

Acting Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 21st. 1875.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasy to cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.) in subsidiary silver coin to be transferred from the Bullion Fund of your Mint to the Treasurer of the United States, - the charges for transportation to be paid by you from the "Silver Profit Fund".

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Carson, Nev.

May 21st. 1875.

Sir:

You are informed that Messrs. Morgan and Orr, Philadelphia shipped you on the 18th. inst. 4 boxes containing 48 copper Cannisters, care D. W. Earl, Sacramento, Calª.

The bill of Messrs. Morgan & Orr (a duplicate of which is enclosed herewith) has been approved and referred to the accounting Officers for Settlement, payment of the amount ($859.00) to be made from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your Mint for the current fiscal year.

Very respectfully
M. V. Davis
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Morgan & Orr.

Philadelphia.

May 21st. 1875.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 18th. inst. enclosing duplicate receipted Bills and B/L for 48 copper cannisters shipped by you to the mint at Carson, Nev. is received.

Your account has been approved and referred to the proper accounting Officers for settlement, and in due course of business a draft will be transmitted you for the amount - $859.00.

I will thank you to forward a duplicate Bill Lading in order that I may transmit the same to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson.

Very respectfully

M. V. Davis

Acting Director.

Geo. B. Newton, Esq.

303 Walnut St.

Philadelphia.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Acknowledging your letter of the 20th inst. I have concluded to defer making a shipment of coal to San Francisco until a cargo of Council Ridge, Buck Mountain or Sugar Loaf Coal can be obtained at fair rates.

Whenever you are prepared to furnish such coal, please inform this Office, stating terms, freight &c.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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May 22nd. 1875.

C. Ho. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have examined your Ordinary Expense Account for the month of April, 1875, and have to call your attention to the following items.

Voucher No. 457 shows that the sum of $67.50 was paid for "Hauling Coal" purchased of D. N. & J. McKinley, while the bill specifies that wood & coal are delivered free to any part of the city. This sums are entirely unnecessary expenses, and unless some satisfactory explanation can be offered, will not be allowed in the settlement of your accounts.

Bill of Lick House for board & lodging, being a Voucher with the account of Mr. Ho. Le. Johannes for expenses, is hereby returned for correction. Section 2 of Treasury Department Circular in relation to "allowances for traveling expenses," (a copy of which is herewith enclosed) specifies that there will be allowed "actual board in hotels at a rate not greater than five dollars per day". It is impossible to determine whether the rates paid in this bill exceed this amount or not, and it will be necessary that the number of days & price per diem be stated in the same.

Voucher No. 466. Bill of Spring Valley Water Works, shows that 529.500 gallons of Water were consumed, and paid for at the rate of $0.75 per M. Galls. $397.60 gold currency @ 87½ = $454.40

The proper amount should be $397.12½ gold or $453.85 currency, and the difference of $0.55 will be disallowed.

In Voucher No. 469. Bill of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for March, under date of the 27th. three

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dispatches are enumerated from the Director of the Mint at $6.00, $6.37 and $5.38 respectively, and the total carried out as $17.81, instead of $17.70, the proper amount. The difference of $0.11 will be disallowed.

Your attention is called to the manner of computing the pay-rolls of the Workmen in the Coiners' Dept., and I have to request that in the future the first three columns — No. of days, amount per day, and amount for the month — will include only the regular monthly payments, while the additions for extra service and deductions for loss of time be carried out in the next columns under their appropriate headings, and the full amount due be taken up in the last column, so that the sum of the total column shall be equal to the difference between the column of deductions subtracted from the sums of the first column of amounts and the column of additions.

Your account Current of Ordinary Expenses is returned herewith for correction. You have erroneously credited therein the sum of $10,000.00 advanced you on account of Construction and Equipment of Refinery for which you must render a transmit a separate account as instructed in the letter from this Office under date of April 7. 1875.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 11th. inst. proposing a rate of compensation of certain employees, and which in general is a slight reduction upon the rates heretofore allowed, - there being a small increase in a few cases.

Your recommendations are approved to take effect from May 1st. with the following modifications.

The pay of adjusters from May 1st. is fixed at $3.00 per diem instead of $3.60 as recommended by you, and in the case of any Operative Officer or Clerk whose compensation is fixed by law, such compensation can neither be increased nor diminished except by an act of Congress.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

C. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. Mint, U. S.
San Francisco.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of May 18th. requesting a change in the compensation of certain employés, the name of Mary E. Carlyle, is given as an adjuster at your Mint.

The nomination of Miss. Carlyle has not been received at this Office. Be kind enough to forward it.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Telegram. Supt. Mint.

San Francisco.

May 22d. 1875.

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H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

C. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. Mint. U. S.

San Francisco.

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H. R. Linderman

Director.

C. H. La Grange, Esq.

Supt. Mint U. S. San Fran^{co}

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge your "Report on the Carson Mint," dated 13th. inst. and to thank you for the prompt and efficient manner in which you performed the duties assigned you, in your examination of that Institution.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman.

Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir.

I have received the Oath of Office of John K. Robinson, Machinist in the Coiner's Dept. of your Mint.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Thomas, C. Acton, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I will thank you to return to this Office, Bill Lading of Ship "Black Hawk" for 149 Bbls Mint Sweep from San Francisco transmitted you Dec. 19th. 1874.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

James Crawford, Esq.
Supt. Mint. U. S.
Carson, Nev.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

On and after the 1st. day of June next, the per diem compensation of Adjusters at your Mint will be at the rate of $3.00 instead of $3.50 as at present allowed.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. Jas. Pollock

May 22d. 1875.

Supt. of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have to call your attention to the fact that this Office is not yet in receipt of the Statements of Coiners' Gold and Silver Workings at the Mint at Philadelphia, for the month of April.

You will therefore please transmit them as soon as possible.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock

May 22d. 1875.

Supt. mint. U. S. Philada.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing certificate of Deposit for $164.16/100 in favor of the Assayer in charge U. S. Mint at Denver, Col., being the net proceeds of one unparted bar received from him for coinage, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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S. W. Greene, Esq.

May 22d. 1875.

87. Fall St. Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th inst. to the Superintendent of the Phila. Mint, requesting a copy of the last annual Report of the Director of the Mint, has been by that Officer referred to this Office.

I forward to your address by to-day's mail, the Report as requested.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Hon. James Pollock
Supt. Mint, U.S.
Philadelphia.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 20th. inst. in relation to the absence of operative Officers.

You state in effect that the two last general appropriation Bills provide for an assistant Assayer, Assistant Melter and Refiner, and Assistant Coiner, and that the law has so provided these assistant Officers to act in the place of an absent principal, and perform his duties. You are evidently in error on this point, inasmuch as the appropriation Bills simply give the title of such assistants, and appropriate their compensation respectively.

I have fully considered all that you say upon the subject, and while admitting that the specific items in the appropriation Bills are not quite consistent with the 9th. section of the Mint Law, I do not see that it is required to place the Philadelphia Mint on a different footing in this respect from the other Mints, and the custom which has obtained, is open to some objection.

The following rules in relation to absences of Operative Officers will hereafter be observed.

1st. Operative Officers will not absent themselves for more than one day, without previously notifying the Superintendent.

2d. When the absence is to exceed two days, a temporary appointment must be made by the Superintendent with the consent of the Operative Officer, and reported to the Director for his approval, as provided by the 9th. section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

3d. When the Superintendent expects to be absent

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for more than one or two days, he will so notify the Director in writing.

The want of regular attendance on the part of some of the operative officers is open to serious objection, and must be avoided in future.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

Hon. James Pollock

Supt. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia.

May 22, 1875.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of yesterday in relation to the transfer of Theodore Hackett, Laborer, from the General to the Coiner's Dept. and the appointment of S. W. Hunter in his place, I have to call your attention to the portion of Section 44 of the Coinage Act which provides that "no person shall be appointed to employment in the Offices of the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, Coiner & Engraver, except on the recommendation and nomination in writing of those Officers, respectively."

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

P. S. A communication in writing from the Coiner to you requesting or assenting to the transfer will be sufficient to comply with the section of law referred to. The fact that the transfer is made with the Coiner's consent had better appear in writing and constitute a part of the record.

H. R. L.

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Hon. B. H. Bristow

Secretary Tr. Treasury.

May 22d. 1875.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge reference to this Office of a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing copy of a dispatch dated April 23. 1875 from the Minister of the United States at Paris, forwarding a letter from Mr. Simbat, requesting a bronze reproduction of a photograph of both sides of the Metis and Life Saving Medals, voted by joint resolutions of Congress, approved February 24. 1873, and June 20. 1874 respectively.

The engraving of the dies for the Life Saving Medal of the 1st. class, has been completed, and it is expected that the dies for the metis medal, and Life Saving Medal of the second class will be completed by July 1st. 1875, from rafles which a copper bronze copy of each medal will be forwarded to Mr. Simbat, without any expense to him, and which will fully answer for the purpose he requires.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman, Director.

Telegram.

Superintendent

May 23d. 1875.

Mint, San Francisco.

The balance of fine silver due Philadelphia Mint on transfer draft must be forwarded immediately and all silver heretofore purchased on Government account delivered before the close of the fiscal year. answer.

H. R. Linderman

Director Mint.

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Telegram.

Superintendent

Mint. San Francisco. Cal.

May 23d. 1875.

Purchase Doré Silver to amount of one million dollars, on basis of its delivery in New York, at rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cents per ounce for silver contained, and coining value of gold, that is to say, deducting cost of transportation to and parting charge at New York. Chip assay the bars and pay approximate value in gold coin. Final settlement to be made on melt and assay of the bullion at New York. On notification of purchase, Bullion Fund will be correspondingly increased.

H. R. Linderman

Director of Mint.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint. San Francisco.

May 24th 1875.

Authorization of yesterday to purchase Doré Silver is hereby modified so as to make the price one hundred and twenty-four instead of one hundred and twenty-five cents per ounce. Silver has declined about one and a half cents in the London market within a day or two, and market flat.

H. R. Linderman. Director.

C. H. Lalgrange, Esq.

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words sent you this day is hereby made official:

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Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of an Act of Congress, approved June 20, 1874, authorizing and directing the President of the United States to cause to be prepared and presented to John Horn Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, a gold medal with appropriate devices and inscriptions, in recognition and in commemoration of his heroic and humane exploits in rescuing men, women and children from drowning in the Detroit River.

Information on file in this office shows that Mr. Horn has rescued from drowning something over one hundred people, and in carrying into effect the Act of Congress, it was thought the case was one worthy of the profile of the recipient to be placed on the obverse of the medal. I have therefore procured four different photographs of Mr. Horn, and enclose them herewith for the use of the Engraver in preparing the dies.

I will thank you to have the Engraver prepare a sketch of the devices, legends and inscriptions, which, in your & in his opinion are required to carry into effect the Act of Congress, and which, when finished, you will forward to this Office for its appropriate action.

As usual in such cases, no appropriation was made to carry the law into effect, and it becomes necessary to defray the actual expenses out of the incidental appropriation of this Office. I suppose that about fifty dollars ($50.) worth of Gold will make a medal of sufficient size, and that a suitable box to enclose it, can be obtained for about ten dollars ($10.)

The profile of the recipient will of course occupy the greater portion of the obverse, and a plain olive wreath surrounding the inscription of the Object for which the medal is given will answer for the reverse.

The date of the Act of Congress authorizing the medal, must of course appear somewhere upon the medal.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman

Director.

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Hon. James Pollock

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. Philadelphia.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward as soon after the close of the fiscal year as possible, the following statements:

1st Statement of light gold coin received, re-melted, and re-coined, with the loss on the same, during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

2d. Minor coins redeemed, re-issued, and exchanged during the same period.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

Hon. James Pollock

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint U. S. Philada

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of a letter with enclosures, from the Secretary of State relative to furnishing Mr. Lombat of Paris, France, with a copy of the Metis and Life-Saving medals of the 1st and 2d. class.

I will thank you, when the medals referred to are completed, to send a copy of each in copper bronzed, securely packed, to this office, in order that I may forward the same to Mr. Lombat, through the State Department.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Hon. Moses W. Field.

May 24th 1875.

Detroit, Mich.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. enclosing photographs of John Horn, Jr. has been received. The preparation of the dies for the medal will be commenced at once, and you will be informed of the completion of the medal in time to allow the citizens of Detroit to provide for a suitable ceremony on its presentation.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram on the 23d inst. sent you, in the following words, is hereby made official, viz:

"Purchase Doré silver to amount of one million of dollars, on basis of its delivery in New York, at rate not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cents per ounce for silver contained, and coining value of Gold; that is to say, deducting cost of transportation to and parting charges at New York. Chip assay the bars and pay approximate value in gold coin. Final settlement to be made on melt and assay of the bullion at New York. On notification of purchase Bullion Fund will be correspondingly increased.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint. U. S. San Francisco.

Sir:

I will thank you to forward as soon after the 30th of June next, as convenient, a statement showing the amount of light gold coin received, re-melted and re-coined, and the loss on the same, during the fiscal year ending June 30th 1875.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

O. H. LaGrange, Esq.

May 24th 1875.

Supt. Mint, U. S. San Fran-

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Very respectfully H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Jno. H. Wheeler, Esq.

May 24th. 1875.

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. relative to the disposition of the effects of the Charlotte mint, has been received.

In respect to the disposition of the machines, apparatus, fixtures, furniture, carpets &c. no conclusion will be arrived at, until you shall have presented a detailed inventory of the same to this office.

You state that eleven (11) packages of sweeps, estimated to contain 2725 pounds, valued at $388.75 are now at the Charlotte mint. Before deciding as to the proper disposition of these sweeps, I desire to be informed by you as to the cost of transporting them to Newark N.J. or New York City. You may comply with these instructions by a preliminary report, and remain in Charlotte until further advised, reserving your suggestions in relation to the proper disposition of the mint property, for your final Report.

I will be glad if you would send on your preliminary report immediately in order that I may take necessary action thereon, before proceeding to the west.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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John H. Horn. Jr.

May 24th. 1875.

Detroit. Mich.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th. inst. in which you state that the photographs requested by my letter of the 10th. inst would be forwarded to this office by Hon. Moses W. Field.

The photographs arrived this morning, and steps will be taken at once to have the medal completed at an early day.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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L. A. Garnett, Esq.

May 24th. 1875.

416 Montgomery St.
San Francisco.

Sir:

A telegram in the following words, sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Superintendent of Mint requests instructions as to receiving deposits of Dore Silver for gold coins and Trade Dollars. The Mint can only meet such demands to the extent to which your company's works can part the bullion. In what manner can demands of depositors be best met without partiality to extent of parting facilities. Reply by Telegraph." Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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varn. L. A. Garnett,

May 24th. 1875.

416. Montgomery St. San Francisco. Cal.

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H. R. Linderman. Director.

Maj. George A. Forsyth

May 24th. 1875.

9th. Cavalry U. S. A. Chicago.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. recommending Mr. William Mann for the position of Melter and Refiner at Helena, Montana, has been received and filed in this Office, and will be duly considered when the appointments are about to be made.

Very respectfully

H. R. Linderman. Director.

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Thos. W. Dewey, Esq.

May 24th 1875.

Secretary Committee
Centennial Association.

Sir:

I enclose herewith copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, in which that Officer suggests the procuring of the assent of your Committee to the striking of copies of the Mecklenburg Medal in Silver and Bronze, to be sold on Government account.

Regarding the dies of the medal referred to, as the exclusive property of your Committee, I respectfully request to be informed whether applicants for the Medals may be referred to you.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Telegram. Superintendent, Assay Office

May 24th 1875.

New York.

Silver has declined in London to fifty six and a half pence.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.

May 24th 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

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H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Thos. L. Acton, Esq.

May 24th. 1875.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22d. inst. enclosing statement of your Bullion Fund, is received.

Very respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Hon. James Pollock.

May 24th. 1875.

Supt. Mint. Philadelphia.

Sends me by express tomorrow ten dollars in twenty cent coins. C.O.D.

H. R. Linderman
Director.

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